



For **35 years**, the EU has funded the Erasmus programme, which has enabled over three million European students to spend part of their studies at another higher education institution or with an organisation in Europe.

It's not just about Europe or Europeans either - with Erasmus+, people from all over the world can access opportunities.

Definitions:

33 Programme Countries:
all 27 EU Member States
+ 6 associated countries:
Iceland, Liechtenstein,
Norway, North Macedonia,
Serbia, and Turkey.

Partner Countries/non-associated third countries:
the rest of the world, including
Argentina, Brazil, Chile,
Colombia, Mexico, and other
Latin American and
Caribbean countries.

Note that within the Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM) programme, **at least 25% of scholarships are earmarked for candidates from Latin America and the Caribbean.**



Since 2014, Doctoral Programmes and fellowships are available under the [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#), which form part of the [EU's Horizon Europe](#) programme for research and innovation

Focus on Erasmus+

About Erasmus+ (2021-2027)

[Erasmus+](#) is the European Union's programme for education, training, youth, and sport in implementation from 2021 to 2027.

With a budget of 26,2 billion euros for the 7-year period, Erasmus+ gives opportunities to all - students, trainees, staff, teachers, and volunteers to spend some time abroad to increase their skills and employability. It also supports organisations to work in transnational partnerships and to modernise and improve their education systems.

International actions of Erasmus+: What's in it for LAC students, staff, and higher education institutions?

Erasmus+ includes a strong international dimension (i.e., cooperation with non-EU countries), notably in the field of higher education and vocational education and training (VET), allowing the programme to open to institutional cooperation and mobility of higher education students, staff, and institutions from all around the world, including LAC.

1. Erasmus+ international credit mobility: grants to study part of your degree in Europe

LAC students: If your home university has inter-institutional agreements with European **higher education institutions** (HEIs), you will be able to apply to spend part of your degree period (2 to 12 months) at the European partner university. Your academic activities abroad will be fully recognised and count towards your degree once you return to LAC. This mobility is possible at bachelor's, master's, or doctorate level.

LAC Staff (academic or not) are also eligible for 1-week to 2-month mobility (to Europe and from Europe).

LAC HEIs: To set up agreements with HEIs in the European Union, LAC HEIs must contact their European partners, who will apply to the annual call launched by their national agencies, with a deadline in the first quarter of the year.

2. Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM): follow an entire degree in Europe

LAC students: [Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters \(EMJM\)](#) are delivered by multiple higher education institutions from the EU and beyond in all disciplines. They provide high-quality integrated courses and joint or multiple diplomas by offering studies at two or more HEIs in different countries.

Students from all over the world are eligible, including from LAC, and apply directly to their preferred joint programme within the [Catalogue](#), usually between October and January for courses starting the following academic year. Full degree scholarships are awarded to the best-ranked applicants worldwide. Candidates can also enrol on a self-funded basis.

Scholars and guest academics can be hired to teach or conduct research as part of an EMJM.

LAC HEIs: LAC public and private HEIs and research centres and industries can partner with their European counterparts and enter a consortium to offer an EMJM. The application is submitted by HEIs from programme countries on behalf of the consortium. The call is launched annually.

To sum up for students

Individuals cannot apply to the Erasmus+ Call for Proposals. They can find out more about scholarship opportunities from their International Relations Office within their home university (credit mobility) or can apply directly to the consortium offering the Joint Masters of their choice (Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters).

Statistics: Brazil (966), Mexico (741) and Colombia (514) have the **highest** (1st/5th/6th) **number of successful Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters applicants in the world**. In total, the EU has awarded 3 461 Erasmus Mundus scholarships for LAC students to pursue joint masters in Europe.



Over 15 207 students and academic staff have participated in credit mobility in either transatlantic direction.



Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)

EMDMs are 15-month projects receiving a lump sum of 55 000 EUR to support the preparation work to set up a future joint master's degree. LAC HEIs can apply.

3. Jean Monnet activities are designed to promote excellence in teaching and research in the field of European Union studies in various disciplines. Jean Monnet Activities take place worldwide, including in LAC.

LAC students/researchers: Individuals cannot apply for a grant.

LAC HEIs: Jean Monnet Activities calls are issued annually in October. Brazilian HEIs submit their proposal directly to [EACEA](#).

Under the Teaching and Research activity, three different modalities can be supported:

- **Jean Monnet Module:** Short teaching programme (or course of a minimum of 40 teaching hours per academic year) with a duration of three years.
- **Jean Monnet Chair:** A teaching post with a specialisation in European Union studies for university professors or senior lecturers.
- **Centres of Excellence:** A focal point of competence and knowledge on European Union subjects. Centres of Excellence have a project duration of three years.

In addition, **Jean Monnet Networks in Higher Education**, with the participation of at least 12 HEIs from all around the world, are selected to contribute to a policy debate within the academic world.

4. Capacity building for higher education (CBHE)

These transnational cooperation projects aim to support the modernisation, accessibility, and internationalisation of higher education in partner countries (including LAC). Three strands of capacity-building projects are supported for 2 to 4 years. They benefit either the organisations or the whole higher education system in eligible partner countries.

LAC students/researchers: Individuals cannot apply.

LAC HEIs can benefit from financial support to develop capacity-building projects based on multilateral partnerships with institutions from other Latin American countries and a minimum of 2 European ones. A minimum of 4 HEIs from 2 different LAC countries is necessary. They can either lead the consortium and/or be one of the partners.

A similar Capacity building action is available for vocational education and training (CB VET), in order to support the relevance, accessibility, and responsiveness of VET institutions and systems and the labour markets.

A minimum of 2 European and 2 non-European organisations relevant in the field are required to apply to a project.

Interested in research opportunities in Europe?

You can apply for doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships and other research grants funded by the European Commission under Horizon Europe programme for research and innovation. This includes grants under the [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#) and those offered by the [European Research Council \(ERC\)](#).