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## ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTER DEGREE “Crossing the Mediterranean: towards Investment and Integration (MIM)” “Integrazione e investimenti tra le due rive del Mediterraneo (MIM)”

### Call for Applications for the Third Intake Academic Years 2017-18 and 2018-19

#### **Art. 1 General Regulations**

1. This call regulates the application and enrolment procedure for the third intake (two-year course: 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years) of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree “**Crossing the Mediterranean: towards Investment and Integration (MIM)**” jointly offered by Ca' Foscari University of Venice (UNIVE, full partner and coordinating institution), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB, full partner), Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier (UPVM, full partner), Université Moulay Ismaïl di Meknès (associated partner), Université de Sousse (associated partner) and Université de Strasbourg (associated partner). The MIM Consortium is formed by the full partners.
2. The MIM is funded by the European Commission within the framework of the **Erasmus + Programme**, Key action 1 - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees, managed by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA). The MIM is funded for 5 years, from 15 October 2014 to 14 October 2019.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Art. 2 The MIM Programme**

1. The MIM programme is divided in **six terms**: three taught **modules** (one at each full partner University), a **complementary training** period, an **internship** period and a **thesis** preparation period.
2. The first term (Module 1, September-December 2017) takes place in **Barcelona**, the second term (Module 2, January-March 2018) in **Venice**, the third term (Complementary training, April-June 2018) either in **Meknès**, **Sousse** or **Strasbourg**, and the fourth term (Module 3, September 2018-January 2019) in **Montpellier**. The fifth term (February-April/May 2019) is the training/internship period, taking place at the associated partners' institutions or at any other institution as selected by the MIM Consortium. The last term is devoted to the preparation of the final dissertation (April/May-July 2019). The MIM programme entails a **compulsory** public thesis defense in Montpellier (France) or Barcelona (Spain) in the month of July of the second course year.
3. The mobility pattern is basically **closed**: all students must attend the same modules, but there is a degree of flexibility for complementary training and internship destinations.

#### **Art. 3 Degree and Professional Profile**

1. The **multiple degree** released by each of the full partner institutions is “Crossing the Mediterranean: towards Investment and Integration (MIM)” and corresponds to a MA degree (120 ECTS). In details, UNIVE and UAB issue a Joint Degree

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"Crossing the Mediterranean: towards Investment and Integration" and UPVM issues a Master 2 in "Master Mention Développement social, Parcours Migrations Inter-Méditerranéennes".

2. The **professional profile** of the MIM is innovative: graduates have general expertise on Euro-Mediterranean and international relations, in societies and cultures, but also in pioneering fields such as Diaspora relations, trans-Mediterranean civil societies and new social movements. At the end of the programme, students are expected to have an excellent knowledge of Euro-Mediterranean affairs with a focus on issues of migration, integration processes, media communication and intercultural relations, precisely because they have spent both academic- and professional-driven periods in different European and extra-European locations with international teachers.

## **Art. 4 Available Places**

1. The MIM offers **30 places** to students from Programme and Partner Countries<sup>2</sup>.
2. **13** of these places are reserved for Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) scholarship holders: **11** from Partner Country students and **2** from Programme Country students.
3. The other **17** places are reserved for self-paying students, who may benefit from other scholarship opportunities or fee waivers as provided by the MIM Consortium on the basis of merit.
4. The number of places for self-paying students can be increased up to 10% of the maximum available (ref. Art.4.1) in case of a high number of qualified and motivated students.
5. To be considered as Partner Country students, applicants must not be residents nor have carried out their main activity (studies, training or work) for more than a total of **12 months** over the last five years in any Programme Country. If they have, they will be considered as Programme Country students. The five-year reference period for this 12-months rule is calculated backwards as from the application deadline (see Art. 6.1.1). The 12-months residency rule will not apply to the Partner country candidates who for various reasons and under various circumstances have sought refuge and received a refugee status in a Programme country.

## **Art. 5 Admission Requirements**

### **5.1 Qualifications**

1. Applicants must have a University academic qualification of at least three years (Bachelor's Degree), or a post-secondary school qualification of at least three years awarded by a non-university higher education institution which, in the country of issue, is considered sufficient to undertake **higher level university studies**. For European students, the degree should be a minimum of three years and correspond to 180 ECTS.
2. The **degree/qualification** should be in the fields of Sociology, Political Sciences, Social Geography, Communication Sciences, Anthropology, Economics, Languages, Intercultural studies, Humanities, History, Law, International relations, Development studies, Mediterranean studies. The MIM Selection Committee will assess the relevance of the degree/qualification case-by-case. For non-EU degrees/qualifications, the MIM Selection Committee will also evaluate the Certificate of Equivalence of Qualification (Dichiarazione di Valore), a certificate issued by the Italian diplomatic representative in the country where the degree/qualification was obtained (see Art. 5.1.3 below).
3. Applicants in the last year of their bachelor's degree may apply only if they expect to graduate **not later than 30 April 2017** if they are from a **Partner Country**, and **not later than 31 July 2017** if they are from a **Programme Country**. To be eligible for further selection, Partner Country applicants must obtain their bachelor's degree by the aforementioned date (30 April 2017), produce (if required) the Certificate of Equivalence of Qualification (Dichiarazione di Valore) issued by the Italian Diplomatic Representative, and apply for the visa and the permit of stay in good time. It is up to the applicants to contact the Italian Consulate/Embassy to verify if they are required to present the Certificate of Equivalence of Qualification/Dichiarazione di Valore.
4. Applicants shall be proficient in **English** at level **B2** and **French** at level **B1** of the CEFR, and shall produce a **recognised certification** of the required level. The certification for the English language must be produced before the enrolment at the first year. Recognized certifications are listed here: <http://www.unive.it/pag/16406/> (tab "Recognized certification").

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<sup>2</sup> Partner and Programme Countries: [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide\\_en.pdf#page=24](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf#page=24)

The requirement to produce English language certifications is waived for <http://www.unive.it/pag/16406/> (tab "Language requirements" - Master's Degree Programmes).  
The certification for the French language must be produced before 31 March 2018 (end of the UNIVE term).  
The knowledge of English and French will be also tested during the interview.

5. The course is full time and students are not allowed to enrol in any other study programme.

### **5.2 Additional Requirement for EMJMD Scholarship Applications**

1. Applicants who have already obtained an EMJMD scholarship or are former Erasmus Mundus Master/Doctoral Course scholarship holders are not eligible for an additional scholarship under the EMJMD action, and cannot benefit from another EU grant while pursuing their EMJMD studies (a sworn declaration will be required during the application procedure).

### **5.3 Ineligibility**

1. Applications which fail to satisfy all of the admission criteria above may be declared **ineligible**, and not further considered for selection.

2. If, at any stage in the application procedure, it is established that information provided by the applicant has been knowingly falsified, the candidate will be **disqualified** from the selection process.

## **Art. 6 Application procedure**

### **6.1 Online Application**

1. All applications must be submitted online (at [www.mastermimplus.eu](http://www.mastermimplus.eu)) **from 1 December 2016 to 1 March 2017. No other form of application will be accepted.**

2. Applicants must ensure they have all information and the required documents at hand before starting the application process, because it must be completed **in one single session**.

3. The application system will **not** allow the application to be sent without all the required information and documents.

4. All documents must be uploaded in **pdf format**. Each of them should not exceed the size of 1 MB. Each document must be named as follows: name\_surname\_type of doc (e.g. Paul\_Young\_CV).

5. At the end of the application process, applicants will receive a **submission confirmation email**. It does not mean that the submission is valid, complete and eligible in all respects.

6. If at any point of the application process you have any difficulties with uploading documents, please try from another browser or try to improve your network connection. In case of further problems with the application procedure, please write an email to **mim-plus-master@unive.it**.

### **6.2 Required Documentation**

1. Applicants shall provide the following documents:

- Copy of a valid **passport**, OR national **ID card** (for EU citizens ONLY);
- A **residence certificate** or a certificate from the candidate's place of work/study or training issued within 12 months before the submission deadline. The residence certificate aims at identifying where the student is mainly carrying on his/her activities at the moment of the application;\*
- Certified copies of **University diplomas**;\*
- **Transcript of records** (University grades/marks);\*
- Copy of a recognised **English language certification** (level B2) or a proof of exemption according to the specific cases indicated at the Art. 5.1.4 and **French language certification** (level B1), if already obtained. Applicants who have not already obtained the **English language certification** and the **French language certification** shall provide a declaration stating their level of proficiency and their commitment to submit the required English certification before the enrolment and the required French certification before 31 March 2018;
- A max. 2 (two) pages **Curriculum Vitae** in English including extracurricular activities (courses, seminars, conferences, published researches etc.) and professional experience related to the fields of knowledge of the course;
- A max. 2 (two) pages **motivation letter**, explaining the background of the candidate and the reasons for applying to

the programme;\*

- A **short essay** (5,000 characters excluding spaces): candidates are requested to choose and develop **one** of the following topics: 1) How would you manage the current refugee crisis? 2) Have you ever had any experience of mediation? If so, please explain;\*
- At least one **letter of recommendation**\* (max. 1 page) written by academics, researchers and/or by professionals who have participated in the candidate's academic or professional training, complete with their email and phone numbers, and the contact details (email/phone) of at least another referee.

\* These documents may be produced in English, French, Italian or Spanish.

2. Candidates with a double nationality must specify the nationality under which they submit their scholarship application.

## **Art. 7 Selection**

### **7.1 Selection Procedure and Criteria**

1. Applications will be evaluated by a Selection Committee as appointed by the MIM Governing Board. The selection will comprise two stages: 1) a desk-based evaluation of four distinct elements: (i) academic excellence, (ii) the essay, (iii) the motivation letter and (iv) the recommendation letters; and 2) an interview. The purpose of the desk-based evaluation is to assess the candidate's merit, motivation and experience. A strong motivation and concern for migration, cultural mediation and international development issues, as well as an interest to conduct research in collaboration with organizations in the fields of policy and practice, are essential. Work experience in a relevant field (including volunteer work), such as in national or international organizations or non-governmental organizations in the North/South of the Mediterranean, as well as experience in conducting quantitative and/or qualitative research, will be an advantage. For each criterion, the scoring will be as follows:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Max. points</b>
Academic Excellence	30
Essay	30
Motivation Letter	30
Recommendation Letters	10

2. Students with a minimum score of 80 points will be admitted to the **interview**, either face-to-face or via Skype. The Selection Committee will contact the candidates via email to book an appointment for the interview.

3. Candidates shall produce a photocopy of a valid identify document on the day of the interview. Candidates are deemed to have passed the interview if they reach a minimum score of 10/20. The admission to the interview does not guarantee the admission to the study programme.

4. The selection is strictly based on **merit**. The Selection Committee will however pay attention to gender equality, integration of the disabled, enhancement of social and economic cohesion and the combat of xenophobia.

## **Art.8 Student Lists**

1. On the basis of the absolute ranking of candidates in decreasing order of merits, successful students will be included in **two main lists** (a Partner Country students main list and a Programme Country students main list) and two **reserve lists** (a Partner Country students reserve list and a Programme Country students reserve list).

2. Eligible students who did not meet the selection criteria, and who would not be enrolled in the EMJMD even on a self-paying basis, will be included in a **non-selected students list**.

3. Full EMJMD scholarships will be assigned to the first **11 Partner country students** and the first **2 Programme Country students** from the main lists. If the main lists already includes three students with the same nationality, further students with the same nationality will be placed on the reserve lists.

4. In case two or more candidates have the **same score**, priority will be given to the candidate who has higher average grades during the First Cycle Degree and then to the younger candidate.

5. Students in the reserve lists **may** be awarded a scholarship in case of withdrawal or drop-out of selected students.

6. The MIM Secretariat will **inform** all successful candidates via email, as soon as the selection procedure is concluded. The email shall indicate the student's status (i.e. possible scholarship holder or reserve list student).
7. The main lists and the reserve lists will be **published by 15 May 2017** on the project website: [www.mastermimplus.eu](http://www.mastermimplus.eu).
8. Selected students who are offered a place and wish to accept, shall send a **confirmation** email to the MIM Secretariat ([mim-plus-master@unive.it](mailto:mim-plus-master@unive.it)) within **7 days** from the date of dispatch of the information email (ref. Art. 8.6), clearly stating their acceptance. Failure to do so will implicitly be considered as a withdrawal of the student.
9. The MIM Secretariat will then send to the selected students a further communication via email, with the enrolment instructions. Students must complete their enrolment by the deadline stated in the art. 9.2.1.
10. Any places becoming vacant after a candidate has withdrawn shall be offered to the next eligible candidate in the shortlist.

## **Art. 9 Registration and Enrolment**

### **9.1 First Step: Online Registration**

1. Students having received the admission email from Ca' Foscari University will have to register on Ca' Foscari University website by clicking on the following link: [www.unive.it/registration](http://www.unive.it/registration). Selected students must enter personal data, residence, and, possibly, the domicile. After completing the registration procedure, a username and a password will be provided.
2. After having completed the online registration, an email will be sent to the email address you had previously entered to confirm the registration procedure was carried out properly.

### **9.2 Second Step: Enrolment**

1. Selected candidates must follow the enrolment procedure **from 29 May to 09 June 2017**.
  1. The enrolment of all students is not considered to be completed if **English language certification** has not been awarded (ref. Art. 5.1.4). Programme Country students who have not formally obtained their degree by **31 July 2017** will not be considered as enrolled and will be excluded from the course.
  2. To proceed with the enrolment, student will have to access his/her personal area (<https://idp.unive.it/idp/Authn/UserPassword>) on Ca' Foscari University website with username and password obtained during the registration process (ref. Art. 9.1).
  3. Once in the personal area, student selects "Enrolment in limited admission Degree programmes" in the Online Student Services; then they choose the course "Crossing the Mediterranean: towards Investment and Integration (MIM)" and fill the enrolment form in. Student will be asked to upload a passport size photograph in jpg format (clearly visible frontal view), as well as the following documents:
    - Copy of a valid **passport**, OR national **ID card** (for EU citizens ONLY);
    - (for students from a Partner Country) Confirmation that they have started the necessary procedure for obtaining their VISA for their first mobility to a Programme Country University;
    - a scanned copy of the Certificate of Equivalence of Qualification (Dichiarazione di Valore) issued by the Italian Diplomatic Representative in the country whose regulations govern the institution that awarded the qualification;
    - (only for self-paying students) A proof of the bank transfer of the first instalment (ref. Art. 9.2.4).

#### Specific information for self-paying students

4. The first instalment of **€2,016** must be paid by bank transfer to the following bank account:

Account holder: Department of Asian and North African Studies  
Banco popolare società cooperativa  
S. Croce - F.ta S. Chiara 515/A - P.le Roma, 30135 Venice, Italy  
IBAN Code: **IT16L0503402071000000780170**  
BIC/SWIFT Code: **BAPPIT21710**

Reason for payment: "Student Surname and Name JMD MIM 2017-19\_1° instalment"

5. The remaining amount will be paid in three further instalments, defined during the first months of each academic year.

6. The paid amount will not be refunded in case of withdrawal or if the degree is not achieved in due time.

### **9.3 Finalisation of Enrolment**

1. An email will be sent to the email address you entered during the registration stage to confirm that the procedure has been successfully completed.

2. (for students from a Programme Country) Enrolment will be finalised only after the awarding of the required degree (ref. Art. 5.1.3).

3. **Partner Country students residing outside of Italy, once in Venice**, must produce the **original** documentation to the MIM Secretariat after booking an appointment at **mim-plus-master@unive.it**.

Documents to be provided for validation are the following:

- Certificate of Equivalence of Qualification (Dichiarazione di Valore) issued by the Italian Diplomatic Representative in the country whose regulations govern the institution that awarded the qualification;
- Spanish permit of stay or valid Italian visa;
- English language certification;
- Certified copies of University diplomas.

4. The documents listed above must be the original documents, and must be written in English or have been officially translated in Italian. The Spanish permit of stay is accepted in the original language. The official translation can be issued in the country of origin or in Italy – either by a local court of law, by court interpreters or by official translators. It must be authenticated by the Italian Diplomatic Representative located in the country of the institution that awarded the certificates, unless specific exemptions are applicable.

### **9.4 Letter of Acceptance for VISA Procedures**

1. The MIM Secretariat will send to all Partner country students a **letter of acceptance to facilitate visa procedures**. The letter will include the following information: course related information, starting date and duration of the mobility, grant amount for scholarship holders, insurance coverage, logistical services, contact information, reference to Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA) etc.

### **Art. 10 Withdrawal**

1. Successful candidates who do not accept their place according to the above procedure will be considered as having withdrawn.

### **Art. 11 Appeal Procedure**

1. If your application has been rejected and you consider that a mistake has been made in the process, or that your application has not been fairly evaluated, you can file a complaint to **mim-plus-master@unive.it**, explaining your reasons, not later than **May 30, 2017**.

2. Complaints from applicants who have **failed** to satisfy all of the requirements listed above (e.g. who have not produced the required documentation, or have applied for an EMJMD scholarship but do not meet the EMJMD requirements, etc.), or have failed to satisfy them within the established timeframes, will not be taken into consideration.

3. The appeal procedure can only come into play if a candidate feels that his/her application has not been handled in line with the **application** and **selection process** as described above. The appeal cannot concern the decision itself, but only an alleged error made in the process.

### **Art. 12 Participation Costs**

1. The participation costs for students from Programme Countries are **€4,500 per year**, i.e. €9,000 for the two-year course.

2. The participation costs for students from Partner Countries are **€9,000 per year**, i.e. €18,000 for the two-year course.

3. The participation costs include: tuition fee, administration and other costs related to the students' participation in the

course (complementary training, supervision, tutoring, facilities, insurance, etc.). The participation costs do not include: travel costs and accommodation costs.

4. Participation costs may be reduced according to the provisions explained in Art. 13.2.

## **Art. 13 Scholarships, Fee Waivers and Grants**

### **13.1 Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD) Scholarships**

1. The EMJMD scholarship meets the following costs for each student: participation costs, travel and installation costs, subsistence costs.

2. **Participation costs** (tuition fees, the insurance scheme and other costs related to the students' participation in the course) for the full duration of the course (two years): **€9,000** for students from Programme Country and **€18,000** for students from Partner Country.

3. **Travel** (including mobility costs between host institutions during the course) and **installation costs** (to cover visa application, residence permits, temporary accommodation needs upon arrival etc.):

- Students from Programme countries: **€1,000 per year** (only travel costs, no installation costs);
- Students from Partner countries whose place of residence is less than 4,000 km from Venice, Italy: **€2,000 per year** of travel costs + **€1,000** of installation costs;
- Students from Partner countries whose place of residence is more than 4,000 km from Venice, Italy: **€3,000 per year** of travel costs + **€1,000** of installation costs.

4. Students can use the EACEA "Distance calculator" available at the following link ([http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)) in order to calculate the travel distances from the city of residence to the city of the coordinating institution (Venice, Italy), and to decide the distance band (unit cost) applicable to the scholarship. Please note that the place of residence should be proved on the basis of the provision of a residence certificate issued within 12 months before the submission deadline.

5. **Subsistence costs**: an allowance of €1,000 per month for a maximum of 24 months.

6. EMJMD scholarships cover the entire duration of the course (two years) and are awarded exclusively for a **full-time** enrolment in one of the course editions. Scholarship holders spending part of the EMJMD course in their country of residence are not entitled to benefit from the monthly subsistence allowance for this period.

7. The EMJMD programme does not foresee any restrictions for **remunerated work** outside the scholarship activities provided that:

- it is in line with the national legislation of the country(ies) concerned (e.g. the visa or residence permit allows it, and the terms of the Student Agreement);
- the scholarship holder can dedicate the necessary time and efforts to the EMJMD's mandatory activities in order to successfully complete the entire study programme within the agreed study duration.

8. The monthly **subsistence allowance** is not given to Partner Country scholarship holders for the EMJMD periods exceeding three months (indicatively the equivalent of 15 ECTS credits) spent in any Partner Country.

9. The monthly **subsistence allowance** can only be paid as from the month of arrival of the student at the first host institution and after formal enrolment to the course.

10. A scholarship can be **suspended** if the student has to temporarily leave the EMJMD course (following duly justified and well documented reasons, for example medical reasons and/or serious family reasons). In such a case the scholarship payment will be interrupted until the candidate is again physically present at the host institution and can actively continue pursuing the course activities.

### **13.2 Fee Waivers**

1. MIM Consortium **may** provide support to non-EMJMD scholarship holders, waiving part of the participation costs (travel costs and subsistence costs are not included in the amounts waived) on the basis of merit. The opportunity to provide students with Consortium fee waivers will be verified in the first months of each academic year. In any case, the **maximum waivers** cannot exceed the following amounts:

- up to 30% of the candidates who are selected under the terms of such provision will benefit from a maximum waiver of €3,000 per course (if Programme Country students) and €8,000 per course (if Partner Country students);
- the other 70% of the candidates will be waived of about €1,000 per course (if Programme Country students) and €4,000 per course (if Partner Country students).

### **13.3 Other Grants/Scholarships**

1. Self-paying students who comply with the relevant requirements can apply to Erasmus + Learning Mobility of Individuals (LMI) between Programme Country.
2. Other grants may be awarded at national, regional or local level.
3. For general scholarships schemes please check [www.scholarshipstimes.com](http://www.scholarshipstimes.com).

### **Art. 14 Insurance**

1. All students will be covered by a high-quality health and accident insurance service that complies with the requirements of the EACEA<sup>3</sup>.

### **Art. 15 Data Processing**

1. Personal information provided by candidates will be processed, on paper or in electronic form, in compliance with current legislation (Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003).
2. Candidates shall be guaranteed access to the records concerned, in accordance with Italian Law 241/1990 and subsequent amendments.
3. Personal information will be sent to the EACEA and may be used by other bodies involved in the management of EMJMD acting as stakeholders of the programme for facilitating the student access to the joint programme.

Venice, 30 November 2016

The Rector  
[Prof. Michele Bugliesi]

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<sup>3</sup> [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/documents/e-jmd\\_insurance-guidelines\\_en.pdf](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/documents/e-jmd_insurance-guidelines_en.pdf)