

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL ERASMUS MUNDUS APPLICATION



TIP #0 WHERE TO START



MASTERS: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/catalogue_en

DOCTORATE: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/results_compensated/selected_projects_action_1_joint_doctorates_en.php

MORE DOCTORATES (MARIE SKLODOWSKA CURIE ACTIONS): http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/apply-now/jobs-for-you/index_en.htm

TIP #1 CHOOSING A PROGRAMME

Follow the link and check out list of programmes. Identify those that you find interesting or are a good fit for you. Now it is the time to keep an open mind and think outside the box - your previous education or experience does not have to fully match the program's profile. To get more information on each program you will have to visit its websites and study them more thoroughly to make sure programs you intend to apply meet your expectations. Maybe even shoot an informal e-mail to the contact person with a couple of questions.

TIP #2 APPLICATION

So you have pre-selected a programme or a couple of them. It's time to do a full work-up on each of them: what are the main courses and research areas, which qualities are they looking for in prospective students. Pay extra attention to buzzwords they are using. Make notes along the way. You will use them for adapting your CV and writing motivation letters.

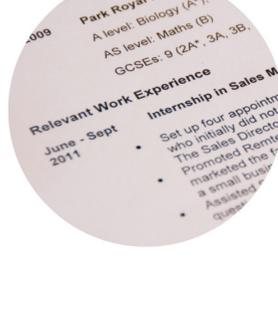
TIP #3 RECOMMENDATION LETTER



Now it's time to think about who you will ask for recommendation letters. People who know you in different capacities would be able to paint a more interesting personal and professional portrait. It could be your scientific advisor, sports trainer, programme coordinator, volunteering supervisor etc. Keep in mind that these people could be busy and it might take longer to get letters.

TIP #4 CV

If you apply for several programmes, your CVs have to be tailored specifically for each of them. Consider including some examples of relevant courses from your previous education and don't forget about your extracurricular activities. Being active outside the classroom might make you stand out.



TIP #5 MOTIVATION/COVER LETTER



DOs:

- Formulate your letter positive and future oriented;
- Identify yourself. Think about why you are pursuing Erasmus Mundus;
- Explain why the Programme you have chosen is the right one for you;
- State what qualities can you bring to the Programme;
- Demonstrate the fit between your background and the Programme;
- Highlight your strong points, your previous experience in education, interpersonal skills;
- Tell in which way you distinguish yourself from others;
- Make your motivation letter end on a strong and positive note



DONTs:

- Don't let your motivation letter simply echo your CV;
- Don't be vague;
- Don't be lengthy. Generally one page is sufficient;
- Don't use complex language constructions or flowery phrases

TIP #6 INTERVIEW

You have been pre-selected and now it's time to prepare for interview. Do your homework - research Universities' coursework and research profiles. Think how it relates to your experience and background. Identify what are most attractive features of this Programme for you personally. Contemplate what you can bring to the Programme, your strengths and weaknesses. Provide them with new information that they have not read in your application. Finally, write all of this down and come up with examples for all points. It is useful to employ STAR principle when you do (Situation - Task - Action - Result)

TIP #7 INTERVIEW (SKYPE)



1. Keep your profile professional. Make sure that your skype picture and username are both interview appropriate (or create a professional Skype account);
2. Have talking points in front of you to remind yourself everything you want to mention;
3. Pick a quiet place. Remove all the distractions behind you and keep it neutral;
4. Avoid interruptions. Let people know that you will be having an interview and make sure nobody enters the room;
5. Be sure to tweak the Skype audio ahead of time to make sure you can both hear and be heard without difficulty;
6. Make sure all other windows on your computer are closed (especially if they make noise). Use earphones if possible.

TIP #8 WATCH OUR WEBINAR



Watch the recording of the webinar organised by the Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA) with Emrah Karakaya. Emhart shared his own story on applying for Erasmus Mundus Scholarships and he gave some tips for future applicants.

Emrah was well placed to be holding this webinar, as he has been involved in various Erasmus Mundus programmes and is the current Vice-President of the Erasmus Mundus Association.

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJiKxcr9YY>

TIP #9 OTHER WEBINARS

Check out other webinars organised by EMA PROFESSIONAL GUIDE

EMA Professional Guide YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/EMProGuide>

EMA Professional Guide Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EMAProfessionalGuide/?fref=ts>

TIP #9 EM-ACE PROJECT



Get to know EM-ACE project that also gives you some guidelines and tips on how to apply for Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees. These guidelines, prepared in collaboration with Erasmus Mundus students and alumni (EMA), will guide you step-by-step through the application process and help you create an award-winning application!

Guidelines: http://em-ace.eu/en/upload/public-docs/EM-ACE_Guidelines%20for%20successful%20EM%20applications_final.pdf

EM-ACE website: <http://www.em-ace.eu/en/>

Disclaimer:

This publication was prepared by member of Erasmus Mundus Association based on their own success stories and observations.

USEFUL LINKS:

Erasmus Mundus Association
<http://www.em-a.eu>

Erasmus Mundus Association Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/ErasmusMundusAssociation/?fref=ts>

Erasmus Mundus Association Twitter
https://twitter.com/Erasmus_Mundus

Erasmus Mundus Association LinkedIn page
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/erasmus-mundus-students-and-alumni-association>

EMA list of Programme Representatives:
<http://www.em-a.eu/en/about-ema/programme-representatives.html>

EM-ACE guidelines on how to apply for Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees:
<http://www.em-ace.eu/en/Students/Joint-Masters/How-to-apply/>

