

# TRANSCRIPT OF LECTURE DELIVERED ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 2018

Theme: [The Erasmus Mundus Scholarship](#)

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## **Background**

The Erasmus Mundus Scholarship/Program is a 2 years joint/mobility program within Europe, co-founded by European Union. It's known to be one of the most competitive and prestigious scholarship around the world. This kind of scholarship gives one the opportunity to study in at least three countries. Its mobility makes it a perfect avenue to achieve wide range of experience within Europe.

## **Benefits**

Beneficiary will have to fund himself/herself throughout the processing at initial. The entire stipend will be refunded ones you get to Europe. Interestingly, you will be taught by external and internal experts from all walks of life. **Participation costs include:**

- Installation cost, €1000
- Flight coverage, €6000
- Tuition fees, administrative costs (e.g. enrolment and registration fees in at least 2 Universities, student card, access to services for students, welcome and orientation week/day, administrative costs), organization of mobility tracks; provision of bicycle, participation to WACOMA winter schools and full insurance coverage as well as flight discount travel within Europe.
- €24,000 spread over 24 months for feeding. Fortunately, you will never be stranded because you will have more than enough.

## **Requirements**

The following documents are crucial in applying for Erasmus Mundus Scholarship

- International passport with a validity of at least 2 years
- Degree Certificate, transcript, medium of instruction, C.V., Referees, proof of proficiency etc. **all in soft copy since you are going to upload them.**
- Proof of residence either in the form of birth certificate or nationality certificate depicting where you live.

### **Eligibility**

- Relevant English certificate or official statement in case of Exemption (mandatory), I personally used letter collected from my institution showing that I was taught and assessed in English Language. **Not all schools will ask for English or GRE exam, medium of instruction is accepted and you are good to go.**
- Appropriate Academic background and Excellence-60%
- The minimum entry requirements are: holding a suitable first cycle/undergraduate/bachelor degree. **You can apply if you are in your final year as well but you must be out of school before the program begins.**
- You have not applied to more than 3 Erasmus Mundus Masters.

### **Things To Note When Applying For Admissions And Scholarships**

- Take into notice the deadline of the program. You must prepare ahead of time in order to review your application and make correction by sending it to at most two mentors. **Avoid sending to many people.**
- During application, have full knowledge of the course you are applying to because that will motivate you to discuss well in your essay. Also, candidates with solid background in subjects related are considered so avoid applying to subjects you are not well compatible.
- There is no advantage in submitting early, just take time to submit.
- Avoid repetition, overconfidence and complicated scientific words.
- Begging and stating your economic status should be avoided unless stated otherwise. **What is essential is passion in every comment. If possible, add related deeds or experience.**
- Applicants who fail to provide necessary documents and certificates by the deadline will be excluded from the application assessment procedure.
- Your C.V. should be well simplified, written and organized: **use the Europass format provided.**

- ✓ **Personal Statement:** This is the most important of all. You might have written a lot of paper and still you won't be selected because your personal statement is not well composed. It includes your plan, achievement; experience, momentum, good reasons for applying, expectations etc. **just make it perfect.**
- ✓ **Research experience**
- ✓ **Professional or work experience**
- ✓ **Reference letter.** This is very critical. Try to obtain it from a professor who can write superbly about you. It's better to get it from who you worked with in your academic line.

### **Outcome**

- ✓ You will be ranked based on your score by the coordinator consortium. Main list and Reserve list will be sent to EU for confirmation. You will be unofficially informed by mail that you have been selected and if you got the scholarship too. You should however receive admission and award letter that states all the benefits of your letter at a later date.

### **Note:**

- Try as much as possible to build your academic exposure before, after and while you wait for scholarship outcomes or still supply either way, learn software packages such as R, Arc GIS, MATLAB etc., gather work experience as well. **This is just a piece.**
- Read through the website as many times as possible so as to understand your method of application and what is expected of you.
- Information concerning all programs can be found in the catalogue.  
[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en)
- In all pray to God until your dying breath for good outcomes. Visit Erasmus-Mundus Nigeria on Facebook for more information.

### **Generic Questions and Answers**

**Q.** Aside the MSc funding, does it have PhD scholarship?

**A.** Yes, but make more enquires

**Q.** Is it appropriate for a student with masters or on a masters program indicate it while applying?

**A.** Perfect....you are eligible if only your reasons for applying is precise. Scholarship grant was offered to 14 masters students in my course at my time.

**Q.** Can a 2:1 student apply?

**A.** We have 2:1 student as well. But believe me, make your essay superb.....

**Q.** Is it appropriate to apply for more than one Erasmus Mundus programs, as in more than one institution under the same program?

**A.** Yes, here in Bologna, there is Ergo scholarship. If you are not accepted for Erasmus, you can apply for other scholarship within the school to secure the program.

**Q.** Is there stay back policy?

**A.** Why not, there is no rule stopping you to stay back. That is why they are always ready to recruit selected mind.

**Q.** Can someone on the verge of completing an MSc program mention that in their motivation letter?

**A.** Yes of course, my roommate is from Brazil. He is on Erasmus program awaiting his final MSc result in Brazil.