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Erasmus Mundus Shortlist & *Deadline Tracker.*

There is no central portal and no single deadline. Shortlist from the official catalogue, check each programme's own rules, give your referees time, and track every application in one place.

Eligibility check

Programme shortlist

Referees and documents

Weekly tracker

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Four facts that change how you plan

Most late or weak Erasmus Mundus applications come from the same few misunderstandings. Clear them first.

1

There is no central portal

No single portal and no single deadline. You apply to each programme directly on its own website.

2

Apply about a year ahead

Most applications run between October and January for programmes starting the following autumn. If you start researching in December, you are already late.

3

No EU-wide CGPA or IELTS score

Each consortium sets its own requirements. Find the programme first, then read its requirements.

4

The scholarship is generous

Tuition is waived for scholarship holders, and the living stipend follows a fixed EU formula of up to €1,400 a month for travel, visa and living costs.

How to use this tracker. Work through Parts 1 to 5 in order, ideally starting in August or September. **The PDF is fillable:** click the boxes to tick them and type into the tables (Adobe Acrobat/Reader, Chrome, Edge or Preview), or print it. Update the weekly tracker (Part 5) every week until you submit.

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Am I eligible? The three EU-wide rules

These three rules apply to every Erasmus Mundus Joint Master scholarship. They are the minimum, not the full list: each programme adds its own requirements on top.

1.1 I have a bachelor's honours degree, or I am in my final year ☐

Final-year students can apply with a preliminary transcript or an expected-graduation letter, but the degree must be completed before the master's starts. If you are in your final year, you can apply now.

1.2 I have never held an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master scholarship ☐

If you have been awarded one before, you cannot apply again.

1.3 I accept the mobility rule ☐

You must complete study periods in at least two different countries during the degree. You cannot do the whole degree living in one country.

NOTE · The mobility rule is non-negotiable. It is the whole point of the programme.

1.4 I will read each programme's own requirements ☐

English test, academic background, documents, and sometimes work experience. Do not rely on generic forum advice: read the programme's official page.

REFLECT

Which requirement am I least sure about, and where on the official page will I confirm it?

Shortlist from the official catalogue

The EACEA Erasmus Mundus catalogue is the only authoritative list. If a programme is not there, it is not part of Erasmus Mundus. Shortlist by field first, and choose countries and universities after.

2.1 Search the catalogue by your field ☐

Start with what you want to study. The programme name often does not describe its content, so read beyond the title.

2.2 Read the curriculum ☐

Check the modules and the specialisation tracks. Do they match your background and your career plan?

2.3 Check the partner universities and the mobility track ☐

Which universities and countries will you actually study in, and in which semester?

2.4 Confirm scholarships are offered for YOUR intake ☐

Not every programme in the catalogue offers scholarships every year. Check the programme website for the intake you want.

2.5 Note the deadline and the programme-specific requirements ☐

Write them in the shortlist table on the next page, straight from the official programme page.

Where to look: the Erasmus Mundus Catalogue on the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) website, then each programme's own website for deadlines and requirements.

My programme shortlist

Aim for 3 to 5 programmes that genuinely fit you. Copy every fact from the official programme page.

Programme	Fit with my field (why)	Universities and countries (mobility track)	Scholarships for my intake? (yes/no)	Deadline	Key requirements (English test, background, experience)

Programme links I checked, and the date

REFLECT

Which programme is my first choice, and what makes me a strong fit for it?

Referees and documents

In Pakistan these are the most underestimated timeline risks. Students lose weeks on paperwork, not on merit. Do them early, before the letters.

REFEREE PLANNER

Referee (name, role)	Email	Sent CV, shortlist and priorities? (date)	Relevant projects they can mention	Their deadline (2 weeks before mine)	Received?

TIP · Give each referee your CV, your shortlist and each programme's priorities, plus a list of relevant projects they can mention, so the letter is specific, not generic.

DOCUMENTS TRACKER

Document	Status (have / in progress / need)	Ready by (date)	Notes
Bachelor's degree, or expected-graduation letter			
Transcripts			
Attestation (HEC and others as required)			
Translations (if required)			
English test result			
Passport			
CV (Europass or programme format)			
Motivation letter for each programme			

One motivation letter per programme

Clean grammar is no longer what sets you apart: anyone can write with AI. What sets you apart is your specific experience and motivation. Find each consortium's published selection priorities and answer them directly.

Programme	Their selection priorities (from the website)	My matching experience and projects	Why this course, these universities, me?

BEFORE YOU SEND EACH LETTER

- ☐ It names this programme and its universities
- ☐ It answers their published priorities
- ☐ It uses my own examples, not generic claims
- ☐ It explains why this mobility track suits me

AVOID

- ☐ Sending one letter to several programmes
- ☐ Copying the programme's own description back to them
- ☐ Listing achievements without saying what they prove
- ☐ Leaving it to the last week

Submit early: the weekly tracker

Portals are busy on the last day, and deadlines are not extended for anyone. Update this table every week.

AUG-SEP

Shortlist, contact referees

SEP-OCT

Documents, attestation, test

OCT-DEC

Letters, one per programme

OCT-JAN

Submit well before each deadline

Programme	Deadline	My target submit date	Documents still missing	Status (not started / drafting / submitted)	Last updated

Rule of thumb: set your own submission date at least one week before each official deadline, and your referees' deadline two weeks before yours. Typical months are shown above; your programmes' own dates always win.

»» WHAT NEXT

Applying to Erasmus Mundus this year?

Our team can review your application or help you find the programmes that fit you best. Book a free consultation and bring your shortlist.

Book a free consultation at aptcon.co

More free toolkits and the full Scholarship Roadmap at aptcon.co/resources.html

Sources (checked October 2026): the EACEA Erasmus Mundus catalogue and the European Commission's Erasmus+ Programme Guide (Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters).

This tracker is general guidance, not legal or immigration advice, and it does not guarantee any outcome. Requirements, deadlines and scholarship amounts change every year: always confirm on the official programme website before you apply.