



Copernicus Master in Digital Earth (CDE) is a two-year full-time integrated Erasmus Mundus Joint Master (EMJM) programme.

The English language Master of Science is jointly offered to outstanding candidates as double degree. Students study Earth Observation and Geoinformatics in year one. Two Specialization Tracks provide a pathway towards excellence in GeoData Science & AI4EO as well as GeoVisualisation & Geocommunication in year two.



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EM CDE: Call for Applications – Edition 2

Applications from European and International candidates with a 'Geospatial' background are welcome.

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The 'Copernicus Master in Digital Earth – CDE' EMJM programme shall be open to any applicant fulfilling academic admission requirements and additional criteria for selection.

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ELIGIBILITY

The call is open for any qualified candidate applying for admission to the ‘Copernicus Master in Digital Earth’. Applicants must fulfill all requirements to be eligible for consideration. Please note that at the time of application candidates select and prioritize at least one specialization track.

Eligible candidates document their academic qualifications, fulfill programme specific criteria for selection, complete the online application form and upload all required documents. Applicants shall conform with eligibility rules, detailed admission criteria are provided on the EMJM website: www.master-cde.eu/admission.

STUDY PLACES

Best-ranked students will be nominated for Erasmus Mundus scholarship or will be nominated for a participation cost fee waiver. Self-funded students will be nominated for a participation cost fee waiver only. Copernicus Master in Digital Earth is proudly co-funded by the European Union. An overview on total number of students, of study seats per category, has been listed in Tab. 1. Please note, the call is open world-wide! Eligible countries, according to Erasmus+ EMJM funding categories, for participation in this European postgraduate Master of Science programme, have been listed in Tab. 2, it includes all countries in and outside of Europe.

Tab.1: DISTRIBUTION of STUDENT SEATS by FUNDING CATEGORY	
TOTAL number of student seats	31
Self-funded (self-paying) student – nominated for participation costs waiver	10
Student - nominated for Erasmus+ EMJM scholarship	14
Student nominated for Target region - IPAIII (Erasmus+ EMJM scholarship)	2
Student nominated for Target region - NDICI (Erasmus+ EMJM scholarship)	5

Tab. 2: EU MEMBER STATES, third countries associated to the Programme & PARTNER COUNTRIES	
Erasmus+ EMJM scholarship	PROGRAMME COUNTRIES - Member States of the European Union (EU): Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
	PROGRAMME COUNTRIES - Third countries associated to the Programme: North Macedonia, Serbia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Türkiye
	PARTNER COUNTRIES: All other than Programme Countries

Erasmus+ EMJM SCHOLARSHIP for TARGET REGIONS* (third countries *not* associated to the Programme)

regrouped according to the EU's external action instruments;
Each call for applications, the programme offers specific country scholarships. We highly encourage candidates to apply!

IPA**	Region 1 (Western Balkans)	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro
NDICI***	Region 3 (South Mediterranean)	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia
NDICI	Region 5 (Asia)	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam
NDICI	Region 6 (Central Asia)	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
NDICI	Region 7 (Middle East)	Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen
NDICI	Region 8 (Pacific)	Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
NDICI	Region 9 (Sub-Saharan Africa)	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
NDICI	Region 10 (Latin America)	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela
NDICI	Region 11 (Caribbean)	Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago

*Erasmus+ Programme guide p. 34-35: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/erasmus-programme-guide> & <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-a/eligible-countries>

**Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPAIII)

***Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation – Global Europe Instrument (NDICI)

APPLICATION OPEN TO

The application is open to graduated students holding a Bachelor, Diploma or Master's degree in the geospatial domain. Regulations include university admission criteria for postgraduate degrees, and programme-specific eligibility criteria, which specify and add information to the academic qualification. Candidates must meet all criteria to be considered eligible, full details have been outlined at <https://master-cde.eu/admission/eligibility-criteria/>.

Self-funded (self-paying) students are encouraged to apply, nominated candidates will be provided with a participation cost fee waiver. For Erasmus+ scholarship applicants eligibility rules apply as set by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) coordinating the Erasmus+ programme. The CDE consortium, in its award of EMJM scholarships, complies fully with the EACEA requirements for project implementation, and shall provide Erasmus+ EMJM scholarships open to European and international students.

APPLICATION and SELECTION PROCEDURE

The admission procedure for Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM) is a two-stage process. First, the candidate applies to the EMJM; after successful selection, the programme registers the student for enrollment as a Master's student at the partner universities.

The EMJM application procedure comprises three steps: (1) Application, (2) Selection of candidates, and (3) Registration for admission.

(1) APPLICATION

Interested and qualified candidates submit their application, and then the Programme Office and Selection Committee members first screen candidates for eligibility. Applicants complete the online form in a two-steps process guided by the application handbook.

(2) SELECTION

The selection procedure considers minimum requirements set by the European Commission (EACEA). It guarantees the transparency of the selection process and an equitable treatment of individual applications. Information about an appeal procedure is available to all applicants.

The Selection Committee (SelCom) prepares a nomination proposal. Best-ranked students will be nominated for Erasmus Mundus scholarship or will be nominated for a participation cost fee waiver. Self-funded students will be nominated for a participation cost fee waiver only. Unsuccessful candidates will be notified, ineligible applications will not be assessed.

The final decision for an Erasmus+ EMJM scholarship lies with the Agency of Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) of the European Union based on the evaluation provided by the Selection Committee of the CDE consortium.

How we assess your application

Two independent Selection Committee (SelCom) members evaluate candidates. 'Mobility Online' is used as application and evaluation platform. The Selection Committee ranks applications according to five categories: outstanding, highly competent, competent, not yet competent, failed.

Ranking is one of many measures used to ensure that applicants are considered from multiple perspectives. The SelCom evaluates and ranks complete applications based on academic performance, online interview, grades and EACEA regulations. SelCom Chairs undertake final ranking and nominate approximately 60 short-listed candidates for an online interview. The final nomination considers the following criteria:

- Fulfilment of academic requirements in general and for specialization track (GeoDSc or GeoVIS) students
- Additional criteria for selection
- For Erasmus+ scholarship applicants E+ scholarship eligibility rules apply as set by EACEA
- Online interview

For your application to be successful you'll need to meet university entry requirements for postgraduate degrees and requirements set by this EMJM. Admission to the Copernicus Master in Digital Earth will be offered to outstanding applicants who demonstrate a high degree of commitment and motivation, a strong interest and background in the 'Geospatial' field of applications as well as for working in international environments. Fulfill all required academic qualifications for admission with excellent academic results and can document required high-level competences in English language.

Definition of terms

- i. Nomination list: Best-ranked students will be nominated for Erasmus Mundus scholarship or will be nominated for a participation cost fee waiver. Self-funded students will be nominated for a participation cost fee waiver only.
- ii. Self-funded (self-paying) candidate: All selected candidates not receiving an E+ scholarship within the CDE programme is considered as self-funded (self-paying). This includes everyone either funding their own studies, getting financial assistance from family or friends, beneficiaries of scholarships other than Erasmus+ EMJM, taking out a student loan etc.
- iii. Erasmus+ EMJM scholarship holder: Selected candidates either from an Erasmus+ Programme or Partner Country; IPAIII or NDICI countries.
- iv. Unsuccessful candidate: Applicants not fulfilling either eligibility criteria and, or academic merits because of a highly competitive selection process. This includes, inter alia, identified deficits of required academic profile, lack of demonstrated motivation for the selected specialization track, or insufficient language competences.
- v. Ineligible applications: are applications not completed or not eligible due to Erasmus+ regulations.

(3) UNIVERSITY ENROLMENT

Admission to the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree programme is provided by the consortium's universities participating in the Erasmus+ funded project. University admission, enrolment as a student, is then provided by the consortium's admission offices.

PROCEDURE AND DEADLINES

CALL OPEN: November 11, 2024 to January 19, 2025		EDITION 2
DEADLINES	SELECTION PROCEDURE	
January - February	Eligibility Check, initial filtering by Selection Committee	
	Evaluation of applications by Selection Committee	
February week 4	Short list for interviews	
	Online (personal) interviews	
March, week 2	Selection Committee Meeting	
until end of March	Information to applicants	
until April 15	E+ scholarship proposal submitted to EACEA	
until May 30	EACEA confirmation of candidates	
June	Candidates receive acceptance and visa invitation letter	
study year 1 at PLUS, Austria 1.10.2025- 31.08.2026: EO*GI		
September/October – January	<i>Arrival of students for Orientation Week by September week 4</i>	Sem 1
March – June		Sem 2
study year 2 at UBS, France 1.09.2026 - 30.09.2027 - Specialization Track GeoDSc		
September – January	<i>Arrival of students for UBS welcome week in September</i>	Sem 3
February – June/July Thesis defense & final exam: September		Sem 4
study year 2 at UPOL, Olomouc 1.09.2026 - 30.09.2027: Specialization Track GeoVIS		
September – January	<i>Arrival of students for UPOL welcome week in September</i>	Sem 3
Mid-February – June/July Thesis defense & final exam: August/September		Sem 4



ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

>>[LINK](#)<<

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Relevant information on the programme's website

EMJM programme admission

<https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/>

Call | Application handbook | Application form

<https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/procedures-deadlines/calls/>

GDPR

<https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/procedures-deadlines/application-step-1/gdpr/>

Definition of terms

<https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/admission-selection-step-2/definition-of-terms/>

Appeal

<https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/procedures-deadlines/appeal/>