

Erasmus+ for higher education in South Africa

What is Erasmus+ ?

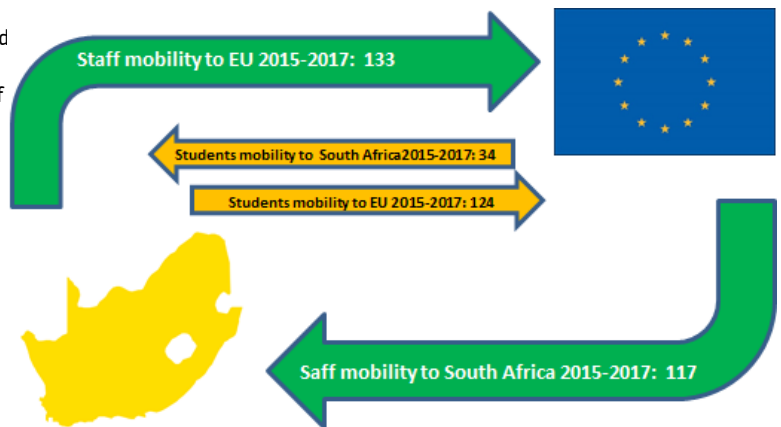
Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from "Programme Countries" and "Partner Countries" throughout the world. The 33 programme countries comprise the 28 EU Member States plus five other European countries. Erasmus+ supports activities that are closely matched with the EU's priorities for cooperation policy with partner countries and regions. Three years into the programme, we can see how popular these initiatives are with countries from the region.

International credit mobility (ICM)

For over 30 years, students and staff have moved between European universities in the Erasmus programme. Since 2015, Erasmus+ has also allowed short-term mobility to Europe from other parts of the world for students, researchers, and staff. This two-way mobility allows students to study in a foreign university for 3-12 months and obtain credits which are then recognised at the sending institution as part of their degree. A grant for staff mobility is also possible for 5-60 days.

There are distinct budgets for different regions of the world that are divided between all the European countries. Programme-Country institutions make bilateral partnerships with universities from South Africa and apply on behalf of their partners.

	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received involving South Africa	142	123	135
Projects selected involving South Africa	78	79	64
Students and staff moving to Europe	272	285	214
Students and staff moving to South Africa	174	165	114
Percentage of regional budget (see chart)	100	100	121

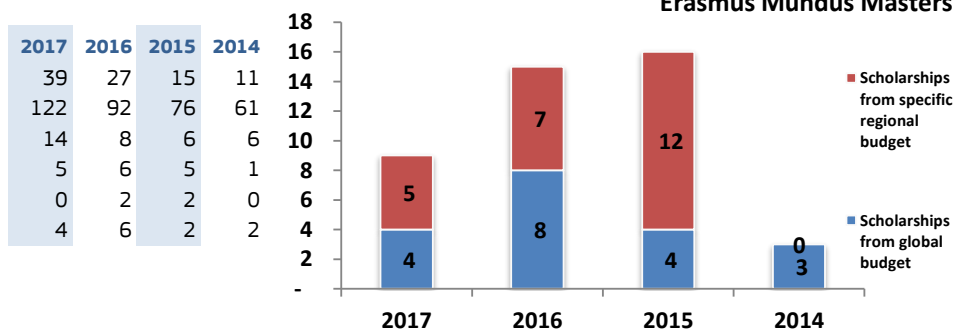


Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs) award EU-funded scholarships to Master students from around the world that cover covering tuition, travel, and a living allowance. The programmes last from one to two years during which students study in at least two different European countries, and obtain a joint, double degree, or multiple degree. Institutions from partner countries can also be part of the consortia that deliver these programmes (though this is not obligatory) as Full Partners, which means they officially award degrees, or as Associated Partners, where they participate in the programme in some kind of capacity, but do not award the actual joint degree.

South Africa in EMJMD projects

Total EMJMDs selected	39	27	15	11
Total proposals received	122	92	76	61
Proposals received involving South Africa	14	8	6	6
EMJMDs selected involving South Africa	5	6	5	1
Full partners from South Africa in EMJMDs	0	2	2	0
Associates from South Africa in EMJMDs	4	6	2	2



Each EMJMD receives EU funding to award a certain number of scholarships to students worldwide. Additional scholarships are also available for students from regions comprising emerging or developing economies. Students apply directly to the programme coordinator and can find the programmes on the EMJMD catalogue (see links). The statistics show scholarships awarded from 2014 onwards under Erasmus+ as well as those awarded under the previous programme. Under the previous programme Erasmus Mundus, fellowships were also awarded for doctoral programmes (last award 2017).

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
EM Masters scholarships South Africa	9	15	16	3	5	4	10	7	13	10	7	6	7	1
<i>from global budget</i>	4	8	4	3	5	4	10	7	13	10	7	6	7	1
<i>From additional regional budget</i>	5	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Scholarships worldwide</i>	1556	1347	1308	1379	1966	1923	1917	2141	1795	2031	1825	1377	808	140
EM programmes offering scholarships	100	87	120	149	138	133	125	118	105	120	91	67	37	19
EM Doctoral fellowships (2010-17)														
Fellowships for nationals of South Africa	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	1						
Fellowships worldwide	55	116	153	250	364	298	216	130						
Programmes offering fellowships	8	18	29	42	42	34	24	13						

Capacity-building for Higher Education

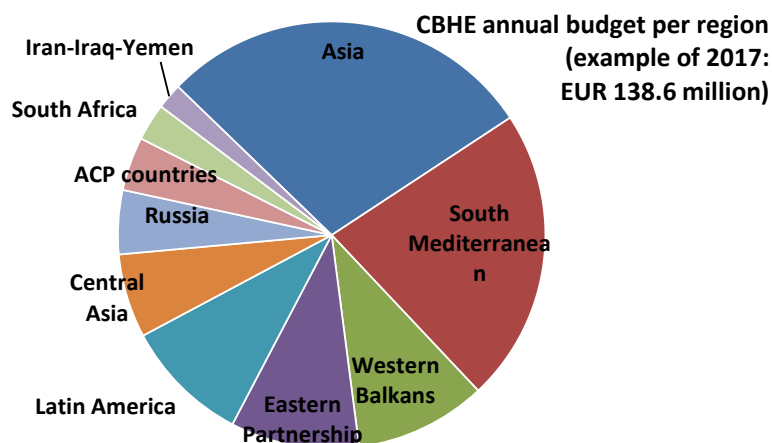
Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education action (CBHE) projects, which lasts from two to three years, are aimed at modernising and reforming higher education institutions, developing new curricula, improving governance, and building relationships between higher education institutions and enterprises. They can also tackle policy topics and issues, preparing the ground for higher education reform, in cooperation with national authorities. Around 3% of the annual global budget for CBHE projects is earmarked for South Africa.

South Africa in CBHE projects

	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received in call overall	833	736	515
Projects selected in call overall	149	147	138
Proposals received involving South Africa	12	14	5
Projects selected involving South Africa	4	5	4
Projects coordinated by South Africa	0	1	0
Instances of participation from South Africa	23	22	18

in selected projects

Capacity building projects can be addressed to a group of countries or a single country. They can also be cross-regional, including institutions from different partner regions.



Jean Monnet Activities

Jean Monnet (JM) activities aim to develop EU studies worldwide. For over 25 years they have been supporting Modules, Chairs, and Centres of Excellence to promote excellence in teaching and research on the European integration process at higher education level. The programme also supports policy debate with the academic world through networks and a number of associations in the domain of EU studies.

South Africa in Jean Monnet

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proposals received in call overall	1177	1034	879	493
Projects selected in call	238	270	260	212
Applications from South Africa	6	2	1	1
Selected projects from South Africa	4	1	0	1
Networks involving partners from South Africa	0	1	0	0

More information:

Erasmus+ website: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

Erasmus+ projects & results: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>

Erasmus+ funding opportunities: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en

Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en