

ERASMUS MUNDUS II, ACTION 2 (PARTNERSHIPS)

List of FAQs

The EACEA website provides a section with general FAQs.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/tools/faq_general_questions_en.php#4

The website for South Africa lists additional FAQs as well as additional country-specific information on issues that are relevant for South African HEIs.

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1. The Programme

Question: **What does the Erasmus Mundus grant contract in Action 2 cover for SA institutions and students?**

- It covers the mobility of South African Doctoral, Masters students and staff to spend some time at one or more European universities which have partnerships with South African universities”
- Management/administration costs (lump sum up to a maximum of EUR 10.000 per participating institution)
- Scholarship for Masters and Doctoral students, management and academic staff, covering travel contribution, tuition fees, insurance and monthly allowance.

What are the specific requirements for South Africa for this type of mobility?

- As indicated in the Call for Proposals 29/09, mobility for Lot 14 (South Africa) will have to meet the following requirements:
 - The entire mobility has to focus on South African nationals and only from South Africa to European higher education institutions. It does not provide for students and staff from Europe to come to South Africa.
 - With respect to student mobility, the entire mobility should focus on individuals under Target Group 1 and Target Group 2.
Target Group 1 comprises students who are registered at one of the South African HEIs within the Partnership and this group should comprise at least 50% of the planned mobility.
Target Group 2 comprises students that are either registered in a SA HEI (not included in the partnership) or students that have obtained a university degree or equivalent from an institution in SA. They will need to justify how this study period abroad would benefit them (and their direct socio-economical environment) and include letters of support in their individual application.
 - For staff mobility only academic and administrative staff employed by a HEI in the Partnership is eligible.
 - Within these target groups, a clear provision to favour real participation of previously disadvantaged individuals is a requirement. To this end, the partnerships should demonstrate that the selected students not only have high level academic performance or qualifications, but also that they have a less favourable socio-economic situation based on the institutions’ administrative records. In addition, the partnerships should endeavour to give preference to the selection of students coming from historically disadvantaged institutions.
 - Applications for this lot must indicate specifically how they will take account of South Africa's

policy with respect to the designated groups, which is intended to redress historical inequalities.

Type of mobility	Distribution
(No European mobility allowed under this lot)	
Masters (6-22 months)	45-55% of the total
Doctorates (6-34 months)	25-35% of the total
Staff (1-3 months)	15-25% of the total

Can staff travel as students, if they are registered as such?

Yes, this is possible.

What are the eligible fields of study?

Agricultural Sciences (01)
Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning (02)
Business Studies, Management Science (04)
Education, Teacher Training (05)
Engineering, Technology (06)
Geography, Geology (07)
Mathematics, Informatics (11)
Medical Sciences (12)
Natural Sciences (13)
Social Sciences (14)
Communication and Information Sciences (15)
Other Areas of Study (16): Alternative Energy Resources, Climate Change, Sustainable Development

(The numbers in brackets refer to the EU classification of subject areas, which also need to be entered in the application form).

There is no limitation to the number of fields of study within an application by a partnership (consortium) of HEIs. An application can comprise multiple fields of study or focus on just one.

2. Partners and Consortia

What are criteria for South African HEIs in order to be included in a partnership?

Only the 23 public universities are eligible for participating in the Action 2 partnership. Other institutions, organizations (associate partners) from eligible countries can be involved in the Partnerships (Action 2) but they may not be beneficiaries and may not receive funding from the grant.

What are the specific requirements for Partnerships between EU and SA HEIs?

A partnership must include at least 5 EU and 3 South African institutions;

The leader (applicant) must be an EU HEI; the partnership must include at least 5 EU HEIs from 3 different EU countries.

The partnership composition must include **at least 3 South African Higher Education Institutions**. Only public HEIs are eligible to participate. The partnership must include at least **one** of the 12 South African HEIs indicated as universities of technology (UoTs) and/or historically disadvantaged institutions (HDIs), which are listed below.

Universities of Technology (UoTs)

Cape Peninsula University of Technology
Durban University of Technology
Central University of Technology
Tshwane University of Technology
Vaal University of Technology
Mangosuthu University of Technology

Historically disadvantaged HEIs (HDIs)

University of Fort Hare,
University of Limpopo,
University of Venda,
University of the Western Cape,
Walter Sisulu University
University of Zululand

Can a SA HEI be involved in multiple partnerships?

Yes, this is possible. There are no limitations to participate in partnerships. The Call for Applications is a competitive process and proposals will be selected according to the selection criteria (relevance, quality and sustainability) as specified in the Programme Guide.

3. Application Procedures

Who can submit an application for a Partnership Proposal?

Only a EU HEI can be the coordinator of a Partnership and the coordinator has to submit the application to the EACEA. The application for a partnership is a joint submission and has to be coordinated between the SA and EU HEIs. All partners have to enter into a partnership agreement (see annex 3 of application form).

How can students and academics apply for scholarships/fellowships?

Once grant contracts have been awarded to the selected HEI partnerships, individuals interested in an Erasmus Mundus scholarship have to apply directly to the selected Action 2 Partnerships of their choice and undergo a competitive selection process organised by the partners involved. This selection process will be organised in accordance with a procedure and set of criteria designed by the consortium / partnership and approved in advance by the EACEA. The lists of partnerships will be available at the following address:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/results_compendia/selected_projects_en.php

Students not currently enrolled in an institution that is member of a partnership are also eligible to apply.

4. Expert Team

What is the role of the Expert Team?

The expert Team consists of three experts (EU HEI Expert, SA HEI Expert and Communications Expert) that jointly support SA and EU HEIs and stakeholders (e.g. Department of Higher Education and Training and the Delegation of the EU to SA) with the application process in response to the Call for Proposals (29/09) published in December 2009. The experts are not involved in applications for projects and are not involved in the selection of projects involving SA HEIs.

For what type of support activities can the Expert Team be engaged?

In principle all questions relating to the Call for Proposals can be directed to the Expert Team. In addition the Team can be invited for regional and/or institutional presentations or workshops. The experts can also provide support during the application process.

How can the Expert Team be contacted?

The Expert Team can be contacted by e-mail via EConradie@cipro.gov.za

5. Other

Other funding opportunities for study in Europe

Europe offers a vast range of higher education courses, and scholarships from national, regional or other funds may also be available. You may be interested in exploring these other scholarship and funding opportunities by consulting the "Study in Europe" website, which provides a range of useful information for students and links to courses, universities and national agencies.

http://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/index_en.html