



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

The English language Master of Science Programme 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 as well as GeoVisualization in year two.



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## EM CDE: Call for Applications – Intake 3

Call open: November 3, 2020 – January 15, 2021

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

The ‘Copernicus Master in Digital Earth – CDE’ EMJMD programme shall be open to any applicant fulfilling academic admission requirements and additional criteria for selection. Self-funded students are encouraged to apply. For Erasmus+ scholarship applicants additional eligibility rules apply as set by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) coordinating the Erasmus+ programme.

**PARTICIPATION in the CDE programme is possible either as:**

1. [Self-funded \(self-paying\) student](#),
2. Erasmus+ [EMJMD Scholarship Holder from Erasmus+ Partner Countries](#),
3. Erasmus+ [EMJMD Scholarship Holder from Programme Countries](#).

The call is open for any qualified candidate applying for admission to the ‘Copernicus Master in Digital Earth’. For Self-Funded applicants the same procedure shall apply as for candidates applying for an Erasmus+ EMJMD scholarship. Applicants must fulfill all requirements in order to be eligible for consideration. Please note that at the time of application candidates select and prioritize at least one [Specialization Track](#).

**Check and document your ELIGIBILITY by:**

1. [Assuring the academic qualifications](#)
2. [Checking additional criteria for selection](#)
3. [Completing the online application form and upload of all required documents](#)
4. [Conforming with Erasmus+ scholarship eligibility rules](#) (E+ scholarship applicants only)



The Erasmus+ programme of the European Union has provided scholarships to the Copernicus Master in Digital Earth consortium, for four intakes. Erasmus+ EMJMD scholarships are available for European and international students; 18 scholarships will be available for this intake; in total, a maximum of 30 students shall start studies starting in October 2021; planned arrival at the University of Salzburg, in Salzburg, Austria is Mid-September. This call for applications shall be open from November 3, 2020 – January 15, 2021.

**APPLICATION is possible either as:**

- 1) Self-funded (self-paying) applicant
  - Graduated students holding a Bachelor, Diploma or Master's degree
- 2) Erasmus+ EMJMD Scholarship Holder
  - Partner Country graduated students holding a Bachelor, Diploma or Master's degree
  - Programme Country graduated students holding a Bachelor, Diploma or Master's degree
- 3) Combined (1+2)
  - Graduated students holding a Bachelor, Diploma or Master's degree
  - Current undergraduate students who have not yet a final degree certificate at the time of application

It is possible to apply at the same time for an Erasmus Mundus scholarship and as self-funded student with one application. In this case, candidates are considered self-funded applicants, if they are not selected for an Erasmus Mundus Scholarship.

Programme Countries:

<b>Member States of the European Union (EU)</b>			
Belgium	Greece	Lithuania	Portugal
Bulgaria	Spain	Luxembourg	Romania
Czech Republic	France	Hungary	Slovenia
Denmark	Croatia	Malta	Slovakia
Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Finland
Estonia	Cyprus	Austria	Sweden
Ireland	Latvia	Poland	United Kingdom*
<b>Non EU Programme Countries</b>			
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		Iceland Liechtenstein	Norway Turkey Serbia*

Partner Countries: All other than Programme Countries.

\* [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/programme-guide/part-a/who-can-participate/eligible-countries\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/programme-guide/part-a/who-can-participate/eligible-countries_en)



## APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

The 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, then candidates are first screened for eligibility by the Programme Office and Selection Committee members. 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 for candidates selected as (1) Self-Funded candidate, (2) Erasmus+ EMJMD scholarship holder, and (3) Reserve-listed candidate. (4) Unsuccessful candidates will be notified, (5) Ineligible applications will not be assessed.

The final decision for an Erasmus+ EMJMD 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.

#### Initial filtering

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, and Failed.

INITIAL FILTERING		
Rating Code	Rating	Please note:
45 - 60	Outstanding	The scoring system is used as one measure to ensure that applicants are considered from multiple perspectives.  The Selection Committee evaluates and ranks complete applications based on academic merits, the online interview, scores and EACEA regulations.
30 - 44	Highly competent	
20 - 29	Competent	
10 - 19	Not yet competent	
0 - 9	Failed	

The SelCom Chair undertakes final ranking and nominates approximately 60 short-listed candidates for an online interview. The final nomination and reserve lists take into account in particular the following criteria:

- General academic requirements for admission
- Academic requirements 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

## Definition of terms

(1) Self-Funded candidate: All selected candidates not receiving an E+ scholarship within the CDE programme are 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+, taking out a student loan etc.

(2) Erasmus+ EMJMD scholarship holder: Selected candidates either from an Erasmus+ Programme or Partner Country.

(3) Reserve listed candidate: all applicants who fulfill the consortium's application and selection criteria but who could not be included in the main (student) list due to the limited number of scholarships available. Highly ranked candidates depending on a scholarship are placed on the reserve list and will be notified in case of any cancellations. Partner institutions shall provide an admission offer to programmes according to curricula, if candidates can prove alternative funding for studies.

(4) Unsuccessful candidate: Applicants not fulfilling either eligibility criteria and/or academic merits because of a highly competitive selection process. The candidate did not match the required academic profile, demonstrated motivation for the selected specialization track, personal academic achievements if a senior candidates such as publications, conference presentations, teaching experience.

(5) Ineligible applications: are applications not completed or not eligible due to Erasmus+ regulations.

## (3) ADMISSION

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. The Programme Office together with partner universities admission offices will facilitate required admission steps.

Admission to the Copernicus Master in Digital Earth will be offered to outstanding applicants.

**OUTSTANDING STUDENTS** 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; can document required high-level competences in English language.

## Procedure and Deadlines

CALL OPEN: November 3, 2020 to January 15, 2021		INTAKE 3
DEADLINES	SELECTION PROCEDURE	
January 16 to January 24	Eligibility Check, Initial filtering by Selection Committee	
January 25 to February 13	Evaluation of applications by Selection Committee	
February 14	Short list for interviews	
February 15 to March 1	Online (personal) Interviews	
March 4 - 5	Selection Committee Meeting	
until March 10	Information to applicants	
until April 15	E+ Scholarship proposal submitted to EACEA	
until May 30	EACEA confirmation of candidates	
June 1	Candidates receive acceptance and visa invitation letter	
June 30	Latest date to move from reserve list to main list (selected students)	
<b>STUDY YEAR 1 (PLUS)</b> Academic year 1.10.2021 - 30.09.2022		
September/October – January	<i>Arrival of students for Orientation Project by mid-September</i>	Sem 1
March – June		Sem 2
<b>STUDY YEAR 2 (Specialization Track GeoDSc - UBS)</b> Academic year 1.10.2022 - 30.09.2023		
September – January	<i>Arrival of students for UBS welcome week in September</i>	Sem 3
February – June/July		Sem 4
<b>STUDY YEAR 2 (Specialization Track GeoVIS – UPOL)</b> Academic year 1.10.2022 - 30.09.2023		
September – January	<i>Arrival of students for UPOL welcome week in September</i>	Sem 3
Mid-February – June		Sem 4



## Relevant information on the programme's website:

### EMJMD programme admission

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

### Call

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

### Application

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

### Selection

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

### University admission

<https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/admission-step-3/>

### 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/>

## Contacts

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