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## ELIGIBILITY

**My Bachelor degree is not among the backgrounds listed in the requirements. Am I not eligible to apply?**

Being selected is less likely if your educational background lies outside of the field of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. However, relevant work or volunteer experience, as well as a strong motivation can add some points to your application. Specific courses followed during the Bachelor studies are also taken into account.

**I will not graduate before the application deadline of 10 January 2019. Can I still apply for the 2019 intake?**

If you would like to apply for a **scholarship**, you have to graduate by the scholarship application deadline, and provide respective proof (degree or statement of graduation). See below for further information on graduation proof.

If you are applying as a **self-financing** candidate, it is fine to apply even if you are still a Bachelor student (but you need to graduate before the beginning of the Master programme to start Euroculture).

**I have spent a semester abroad and the programme there was in English. Do I still need to provide a language test?**

Generally, yes. Applicants whose first language is not English need to provide a language test. Only a full year of studies - in English- in an English-speaking country (a country where English is (one of) the official languages) or a full cycle of higher education (i.e. a degree) taught **fully** in English in any other country can exempt you from the test. More info [here](#).

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

**My official Bachelor degree will not be issued by 10 January 2019. Can I still apply for the scholarship?**

Yes. You can submit an official statement of graduation from your university instead of the degree. The statement must mention your name, the name of the programme you followed, and confirm that you have passed all the necessary modules to graduate. Date of graduation should appear as well.

## I am applying as a self-financing student, and I have not graduated yet. What do I upload instead of my diploma?

You can submit a statement of expected graduation / current progress from your university. It should state what kind of degree you are pursuing and when you are expected to graduate, along with the number of credits still to be fulfilled (if applicable). In case your university does not provide such certification, you can upload your current transcript of records instead.

## I am not allowed to access my reference letters. How to proceed?

You can ask your referee to email your letter to us via [euroculture@rug.nl](mailto:euroculture@rug.nl). We will upload it for you.

## What kind of paper or thesis should I upload?

It is best to choose a paper or thesis on a topic relevant to issues and themes covered by the Euroculture programme. However: you can upload a paper or thesis on another topic. The main rationale behind uploading a paper is to demonstrate the candidate's experience with conducting research in an academic context and academic writing. So any paper or thesis written during your previous studies that you deem good can be uploaded.

## Do I have to translate the paper or thesis into English before uploading it?

No. You can submit it in its original language. A summary in English must be provided.

## My English test results are not yet available. Can I submit my application and then send the test results later?

It is preferable to submit complete applications.

For **scholarship** applications, the results of the language test have to come in by 10 January at the latest (2019 intake). If you submit your application prior to that date, send your test results to [euroculture@rug.nl](mailto:euroculture@rug.nl) by the deadline.

For **self-financing** candidates, it is also possible to submit the test results after the application deadline – notify the consortium secretariat ([euroculture@rug.nl](mailto:euroculture@rug.nl)) about the potential date of the results to see if it is still possible to apply.

## How do I submit my application if the test results are missing?

Instead of the English language test results, upload a brief statement mentioning when you expect to receive the results. Note that if you are applying for a scholarship and your test results are not in by 10 January, you will not be considered for the scholarship.

## Can I submit my application even though I don't have all the documents ready yet?

If you are applying for a **scholarship**, all your documents must be submitted by the application deadline – 10 January 2019 for the 2019 intake. It is always better to submit complete applications – so when applying for a scholarship, rather upload your complete application later than upload an incomplete package and send the missing documents later.

If you are applying as a **self-financing** candidate, earlier applications are advised. You can submit your application with some documents missing. Please get in touch with the consortium secretariat ([euroculture@rug.nl](mailto:euroculture@rug.nl)) mentioning which documents are missing and when you expect to submit them.

## PREFERRED UNIVERSITIES

### Who will assess my application?

If you're applying for the **scholarship**, Euroculture tutors at all three universities you indicated in your application as preferred universities will assess your application and give it a score. The average of the three scores is your final score. This way we ensure that scholarship applications are assessed in the most objective way.

If you're applying as a **self-financing** candidate, the first preferred university will assess your application – if there are still places available. If not, it will pass it on to your second preferred university, and so on. In difficult cases or in doubt, tutors from the university assessing your application will consult with their colleagues in other universities indicated by you.

### If I indicate a university as my first preferred choice, is it guaranteed that I will start the programme there, if selected?

While Euroculture consortium strives to meet the selected candidate's wishes, it is not guaranteed. For selected Erasmus Mundus candidates, the consortium will set the first and the second university (where the student will spend the first and the second semester), usually, but not always, based on the three indicated preferences.

As for self-financing candidates, their first university is usually their first indicated choice, although this depends on the availability of places. To make sure you can start the programme at the university of your choice, submit your application as early as possible.

## Do the three indicated choices influence the universities I go to in semester 2 and 3?

No. If selected as a self-financing candidate, you will have an opportunity to choose the second university during the first semester and you will decide on your third semester track (internship or research track at any of the EU consortium universities) during your first year .

If selected as an Erasmus Mundus scholarship candidate, your first and second universities will be set at the start of the programme (usually this is influenced by the choices you provide). You will decide on your third semester track (internship or research track at any of the EU consortium universities) during your first year. **Note:** Euroculture consortium tries to respect your preference for first and second university as much as possible, but sometimes needs to place bursary students at a different university due to balance of bursary students across the consortium.

## ONLINE APPLICATION TOOL

### Can I submit my application via email or by post?

No. Only the applications submitted via the [online application system](#) are considered.

### Can I upload some of my documents, save them and then return to complete my application later?

No. Uploading documents is the final step of your application. To upload your documents, you have to submit your application. If you click on this button: , attached documents will not be saved. You will need to upload them again just before submitting the application. Hence, all documents have to be uploaded in one uninterrupted session.

### My motivation letter and/or thesis summary is the right number of characters – but the application tool doesn't let me submit them and shows that the character limit is surpassed.

Try the following: 1) delete paragraphs; 2) copy and paste the text into Notepad and then back. This should remove extra “invisible” characters (the text's formatting) and resolve the issue.

## I cannot submit my application as an error pops up. What should I do?

Most likely your issues are connected to a large number of applications being submitted or your browser settings. Try the following: 1) check if all your files are in the required format and do not exceed the maximum size. Try submitting the application once again; 2) upload the application via a different browser or with a computer with a better internet connection; 3) wait for a few hours and try submitting the application again.

## I experience a problem with the application system that is not listed here. The solution stated above didn't work. What should I do?

Send a screenshot and a detailed description of your problem to [euroculture@rug.nl](mailto:euroculture@rug.nl). Include the type **and** version of your browser. **Please note:** we cannot process incomplete error reports. If you do not include this information, the error cannot be fixed.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

### What are the application deadlines?

Consult this page for the most up-to-date application deadlines: <https://www.euroculturemaster.eu/how-to-apply> If you are applying as a self-financing student after the 1 May deadline, email [euroculture@rug.nl](mailto:euroculture@rug.nl) to get information on which universities are still accepting applications.

### Is it better to submit my application long before the deadline?

For Erasmus Mundus **scholarship** candidates, it does not play a role whether the application is submitted long before the deadline or just before 10 January. All the applications will be evaluated and ranked after 10 January (2019 intake) to determine which candidates are selected for a scholarship. Early submission does not give you any advantage over other candidates. It is better to submit a complete application closer to the deadline than to be a month early but have some documents missing. This being said, it is recommended to submit a few days before the actual deadline as on 9-10 January the application system might have trouble coping with a large number of applicants.

For **self-financing** candidates, it is best to submit the application as early as possible to ensure that the first preferred university still has study places available. If you would like to apply as a self-financing candidate only, and are not interested in competing for a scholarship, please submit your application after the 10 January deadline (2019 intake).

## Which deadline is preferred when applying as a self-financing student?

Early application (between 10 January and 1 March) is recommended to ensure a study place is available at your first preferred university. It is strongly recommended that applicants with a **non-EU/EEA** nationality apply **by 1 March** to make sure there is sufficient time to apply for a visa in case they are selected.

## I've submitted my application. When will I hear about the results?

If you applied as a scholarship candidate, you will be informed about the outcome of the selection by the end of February-beginning of March 2019 (for the 2019 intake): whether you have been selected for a scholarship, whether you are on the reserve list and/or whether you are accepted to the programme as a self-financing candidate (if you have chosen that option).

If you applied as a self-financing candidate, you will generally hear back from your first preferred university within 8 weeks (or sooner) after your application.

## PROGRAMME

Please go to the [programme outline](#) on our website for the complete overview of modules that make up the Euroculture Master of Arts programme.

## What is the Euroculture consortium?

[The Euroculture consortium](#) is a network of eight European universities and four overseas universities that work closely together to offer a unique, interdisciplinary Euroculture curriculum. The coordinating university of the consortium is the University of Groningen.

## What are the differences between the universities in the consortium?

The programme is harmonized across all the partner universities in terms of the general course modules. Yet each of the partner universities has a specific thematic focus and own approach to delivering the expected learning outcomes. You can find an overview of the partner universities and their respective foci [here](#).

## What is the Intensive Programme (the IP)?

[The Intensive Programme](#) is a 7-day conference or summer school in which all the Euroculture students come together to follow lectures, workshops, discuss and present their research papers to their fellow students. Its aim is to deepen the knowledge and understanding obtained during the two semesters by joint discussion and reflection. A 'career day' with alumni and a variety of professionals, highlighting career possibilities for Euroculture graduates, is part of the programme, as well as lectures by important scholars, hands-on, teamwork-based projects, and workshops with relevant experts. Each

year the IP has a unique topic and the organization of the IP is done by a different partner university in the consortium, and a special, dedicated website is launched for each IP.

## How does Euroculture stand out among other European Studies programmes?

It offers a unique combination of in-depth knowledge of European politics and society, and practical skills within its multidisciplinary curriculum. **Flexibility** to choose between research-oriented and professional tracks, and an opportunity to do an internship during your studies, are among the advantages of Euroculture.

An essential element of the programme is the mandatory **mobility** – Euroculture students study at minimum two European universities of the Consortium, and receive a joint Master's degree upon graduation.

Small-scale teaching by experts in varied, challenging fields and project-based work in intercultural teams is what prepares our graduates for successful careers.

Euroculture has been recognized by the European Commission as an Erasmus Mundus Programme of Excellence. In 2017, it has been awarded **Erasmus Mundus** grant for the third time – allowing selected students to fund their studies with a scholarship.

## MOBILITY

### How does the Euroculture mobility work? Do I have to go abroad?

Mobility between the different universities is a crucial and mandatory element in the Euroculture programme. Students start the programme at one university and are required to move to their second university for the second semester. More details on mobility: <https://www.euroculturemaster.eu/about/mobility>

### In my second semester, will I go to the university I indicated as my second preferred university in my application?

Not necessarily. For **scholarship** students, the first and the second universities are set by the consortium during the selection process (usually but not always based on the indicated preferences). **Self-financing** students choose their second semester university during the first semester. They submit two motivated choices to the consortium and will spend their second semester in either of the two.

### What are the options for the third and fourth semesters?

In the third semester, you can choose between following: the professional track – entailing finding a work placement – or the research track. For the research track, you can go to any of the eight consortium universities within Europe. Selected EU/EEA students

can also follow their research track at one of the [overseas partner universities](#) in Japan, India, USA or Mexico.

## WORK PLACEMENT - INTERNSHIP

### Does the consortium find a work placement (internship) for me for the third semester?

No, the student is in charge of finding a relevant work placement. However, Euroculture has a large network of associated partners where our students have previously done placements. Besides, guidance on finding a placement is given throughout the first year.

### Can I only do a placement in Europe?

No, in fact there are no restrictions in terms of the location of the placement (except for unsafe regions – in that case the university might not approve your placement). Holders of the Erasmus Mundus scholarship cannot get their living allowance during the work placement if they undertake it in their home country.

### Is it possible to do a placement in another semester (not third)?

No, the Euroculture programme is designed in a way that only allows to follow its modules in a specific, predetermined order. All other semesters feature coursework requiring students' presence in class, therefore it is not possible to take on a work placement in any semester but the third one.

After the final (fourth) semester it is possible to undertake a traineeship or an internship, but no study credits can be allocated for it.

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Is it possible to get a scholarship to study Euroculture?

Yes. For students starting in 2019 and 2020, Erasmus Mundus scholarships will be available.

### Am I eligible for this scholarship?

Generally, yes, unless you have previously received this scholarship for participating in another joint degree course. To be eligible for the scholarship for Euroculture, you also have to fulfil the requirements of this particular programme. There is no restriction on age of applicants. Nationals of countries listed [here](#) are eligible. (*continued below*)

You are also eligible for the scholarship even if you have previously received an Erasmus scholarship – for example, for a semester abroad (unless it was for participating in another joint degree programme). If you come from one of the countries where Euroculture universities are located, you will not be able to attend this university as a scholarship holder. With more specific eligibility questions, email [euroculture@rug.nl](mailto:euroculture@rug.nl)

### What does the Erasmus Mundus scholarship cover?

It covers participation fees for the Euroculture programme, health insurance, living costs (€1.000 per month) and travel costs (the set amount is determined depending on where you reside).

It does **not** cover books or other study materials, these have to be purchased relying on the monthly living allowance.

### Do I need to submit a separate application for the scholarship?

No. To apply for a scholarship, you need to submit the application via the [online application system](#) within the application [deadlines](#). You need to indicate that you would like to be considered for a scholarship.

### If I am not selected for a scholarship, can I still be considered as a self-financing applicant?

Yes. You can also indicate that preference when submitting your application. If your application gets a passing score for the programme but is not ranked high enough to get a scholarship, you will be offered a study place as a self-financing student – if available, in your first preferred university.

### I was not selected for the Erasmus Mundus scholarship. Are there any other ways to fund my Master studies?

You can check the [alternative funding](#) page for general information on what other grants can be available to you. If you have been notified that you are selected as a self-financing student by a particular university, you are encouraged to approach the Euroculture coordinator in that university for country-specific tips on grants, etc. During your Euroculture studies, you will have a chance to apply for an Erasmus+ scholarship for your second and (sometimes) third semester - if you choose the professional track.

### I come from outside of the EU, but I studied in Europe. Am I not eligible for a scholarship?

You are still eligible for the Erasmus Mundus scholarship. However, if you have spent more than 12 months in the past 5 years in one of the [programme countries](#), you will be considered a programme country applicant. This may entail higher competition and will have an effect on the amount of fees that can be covered. Please contact us at [euroculture@rug.nl](mailto:euroculture@rug.nl) for further information.

## FEES

### Is Euroculture a paid Master programme? What are the fees?

Yes, it is. Up-to-date information on fees can be found [here](#). Fees can be paid all at once at the beginning of the programme, or in four instalments before the beginning of each semester. Erasmus Mundus scholarship that is available for the programme cover these participation fees in full.

### What is a consortium fee waiver?

The consortium fee waiver is a “discount” on participation fees offered by the Euroculture consortium to eligible EU/EEA students.

### Am I eligible for the consortium fee waiver?

You are eligible if you hold an EU/EEA citizenship, and will not receive a scholarship **fully** covering **both** the tuition fees (before waiver is applied) and your living costs during your Master studies.

### How to apply for the waiver?

Instructions on how to apply for the waiver are communicated by the consortium to all selected self-financing candidates.

### Is health insurance included in the fees?

It is included for all scholarship students and self-financing students holding a non-EU/EEA citizenship. The insurance covers medical and other costs, and covers the student for 2 years in all the Euroculture locations. Self-financing students with an EU/EEA citizenship can opt to take out this insurance or stay with their domestic insurance provider.