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**ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MSC IN  
ADVANCED SYSTEMS DEPENDABILITY (DEPEND)  
GRANT APPLICATION & ELIGIBILITY FORM  
DECEMBER 2017**

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**All Scholarship applicants must download this document, and complete and sign the Declaration. The signed document should be uploaded to your PAC application for MHG72: Erasmus Mundus Joint MSc in Advanced Systems Dependability (DEPEND).**

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**1. APPLICATION DEADLINE**

- All applications for an EMJMD grant for this course must be received by the application deadline. For entry in September 2018, the application deadline is March 9<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**2. COMPLETENESS OF APPLICATION**

- All applications must be made using the online application form (www.PAC.ie, and course code MHG72), and must be complete before the application deadline.
- Early submission of your application is encouraged, as it allows us time to check the completeness of your application prior to the deadline.

**3. EMJMD SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Applicants may apply for an EMJMD scholarship to any of the Erasmus Mundus courses (see the EMJMD catalogue at [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/emjmd-catalogue\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/emjmd-catalogue_en)), but for a given academic year the number of applications must be limited to maximum three different joint programmes.
- Only candidates who have been accepted for a place on this course are eligible for a scholarship.
- EMJMD student scholarships cover the entire 2-year duration of the Master course and are awarded exclusively for a full-time enrolment. Scholarship candidates must

have already obtained a first higher education degree<sup>1</sup> or demonstrate a recognised equivalent level of learning according to national rules and legislation in place.

- Students who have already obtained an EMJMD scholarship or are former EMMC (Erasmus Mundus – Action 1) or Erasmus Mundus Master/Doctoral scholarship holders are not eligible for an additional scholarship under the EMJMD action. Students benefiting from an EMJMD scholarship cannot benefit from another EU grant while pursuing their EMJMD studies.
- Eligibility for Successful applicants from an Erasmus+ Programme or Partner Country<sup>2</sup> are eligible for EMJMD student scholarships as follows:

Total Full Scholarship Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to a maximum of 49000 EUR</li> <li>• This is composed of three parts: participation grant (fees), travel and installation grant, and a subsistence grant</li> </ul>
Contribution to the participation costs (these course fees are paid directly to the universities by the consortium)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• up to 9000 EUR per year per scholarship holder from a Partner Country</li> <li>• up to 4500 EUR per year per scholarship holder from a Programme Country</li> </ul>
Contribution to the travel and installation costs (paid to the student by the consortium)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1000 EUR per year per scholarship holder resident in a Programme Country for travel costs</li> <li>• 2000 EUR per year for travel costs + 1000 EUR for installation costs for scholarship holder resident in a Partner Country whose location is situated at less than 4.000 km from the EMJMD coordinating HEI (Maynooth)</li> <li>• 3000 EUR per year for travel costs + 1 000 EUR for installation costs for scholarship holder resident in a Partner Country whose location is situated at 4.000 km or more from the EMJMD coordinating HEI (Maynooth)</li> </ul>
Contribution to subsistence costs (paid to the student by the consortium)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1000 EUR per month for the entire duration of the EMJMD study programme (up to 24 months maximum)</li> </ul>

#### Eligibility Notes:

- Students whose citizenship is one of the Erasmus+ Partner Countries count as Partner Country students.
- Partner Country students who are not residents nor have carried out their main activity (studies, training or work) for more than a total of 12 months

<sup>1</sup> Candidates who will only obtain their first higher education degree at the end of the academic year preceding the EMJMD student intake concerned by the EMJMD scholarship can nevertheless apply for a scholarship and can be selected by the consortium, under the condition that the student obtains the required degree prior to the beginning of the Master course intake concerned.

<sup>2</sup> [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)

over the last five years in any Programme Country are considered as Partner Country students

- The five-year reference period for this 12-months rule is calculated backwards as from the submission deadline (defined by the consortia) of applying for an EMJMD student scholarship.
- Students whose citizenship is one of the Erasmus+ Programme Countries count as Programme Country students. Students with a Partner Country citizenship who do not fulfil the Partner Country criteria defined above (12-months rule) count as Programme Country students.
- Students with a double nationality (of a Partner and of a Programme Country) must specify the nationality under which they submit their scholarship application.
- For each student and each intake, actual participation costs in excess of the EU grant contribution for Programme/Partner Country students will be covered by the consortium and will on no condition be charged to the scholarship holder, i.e. the DEPEND consortium grants the EMJMD scholarship holders a fee waiver.
- Each applicant's place of residence will be verified based on the basis of the provision of the documents listed in the EU PRADO website<sup>3</sup>. For example:
  - a residence certificate issued in accordance with the candidate's municipality normal registration rules;
  - a certificate from the candidate's place of work, study or training issued by the employer or institution in question.Both documents must have been issued within 12 months before the submission deadline of applying for an EMJMD student scholarship, i.e. the consortium's official deadline for student application.
- Contribution to the subsistence costs are:
  - Not given to scholarship holders for the EMJMD periods (study/research/placement/thesis preparation) spent in their country of residence;
  - Not given to scholarship holders from a Partner Country for the EMJMD periods exceeding three months (indicatively the equivalent of 15 ECTS credits) spent in any Partner Country.

#### **4. COURSE APPLICATION CRITERIA**

The following entry criteria must be fulfilled by students applying for the Erasmus Mundus MSc in Advanced Systems Dependability:

- a. An honours degree in Computer Science or a very closely related discipline with an average grade of 60% (equivalent to a B, II.1, or assez bien) or above. Extensive industrial experience may be considered as equivalent to academic qualification although such applicants will normally be subject to interview by the consortium.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/prado/en/prado-start-page.html>

- b. English-Language certificate (for non-native speakers of English only). Since the language of instruction is primarily English, students whose first language is not English must provide proof of a minimum knowledge of English such as an IELTS certificate or equivalent obtained in the last two years. An IELTS score of 6.5 or higher is required with a minimum of 5.5 in each individual component of the test. Applicants who have previously completed part or all of their education through the medium of English are still required to provide a Certificate. You must upload a copy of your certificate before the close of applications or your application will be incomplete.

## **5. SELECTION CRITERIA**

Students will be selected for the course, and scholarships, based on the following criteria:

- Academic Excellence (very good/outstanding study results in the relevant study areas);
- Academic potential;
- Level of language skills;
- Motivation;
- Letters of Recommendations/References;
- Work experience and professional qualifications (if applicable)
- Results of interviews (if applicable: in exceptional circumstances candidates may be asked to attend an interview either in person, by Skype, by video/tele-conference, or by telephone);
- Without prejudice to academic excellence, EMJMD Heading 1 scholarships will be offered to students by taking geographical balance into account, i.e. no more than 3 candidates from the same country (i.e. with the same nationality) will be awarded an EMJMD scholarship during the same intake.
- Students with a double nationality must specify the nationality under which they submit their scholarship application.

## **6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND TIMETABLE**

- All applications must be made before the deadline using the online application form ([www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie), Maynooth University course code MHG72).
- All applications will be reviewed following the deadline by the consortium. Ineligible candidates will be informed as soon as possible (details of the appeals process will be sent to ineligible candidates, and are available on [www.msccdepend.ie](http://www.msccdepend.ie)).
- Successful candidates will be informed in early April – there may be a second round of offers in late April/early May.

## DECLARATION<sup>4</sup>

**I have not received an EMMC (Erasmus Mundus – Action 1) scholarship previously, I have not applied for more than two other EMJMD scholarships this year, and I apply for an EMJMD scholarship for the DEPEND course as follows:**

- Name \_\_\_\_\_(Enter your name in BLOCK CAPITALS here)
- Nationality \_\_\_\_\_(Enter Nationality for your application here)
- Country of Residence \_\_\_\_\_(Enter Country of Residence here)
- Please select one of the two options below:
  - a) I apply as a PARTNER COUNTRY student
  - b) I apply as a PROGRAMME COUNTRY student
- I am resident in, or have carried out my main activity (studies, training or work), for more than a total of 12 months over the last five years in any Programme Country:
  - Yes
  - No

### Scholarship Selection Criteria

**I will accept a non-scholarship place (self-funded, or funded by a different scholarship programme) on the course if I am not successful in this scholarship application:**

- Yes
- No

### Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

**I have read this form and I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, I meet the scholarship eligibility criteria detailed above. I am also aware that all information submitted in my complete application may be used in the scholarship selection process.**

\_\_\_\_\_ [Signature and Date]

<sup>4</sup> Information relating to individuals (personal data) is collected and used in accordance with the Regulation (EC) N° 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18.12.2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (OJ L8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1)