



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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## EMCDE: First Call for Applications – Intake 1

**Call open: January 2, 2019 – March 14, 2019**

**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. Erasmus+ EMJMD Scholarship Holder from Erasmus+ Partner Countries,
2. Erasmus+ EMJMD Scholarship Holder from Programme Countries, or
3. or as Non-Scholarship Holder (i.e. self-funded student).

The call is open for any qualified candidate applying for admission to the ‘Copernicus Master in Digital Earth’. Application and Selection: For Self-Funded applicants the same procedure shall apply as for candidates applying for an Erasmus+ 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 required by CDE](#)
2. [Checking additional Criteria for Selection](#)
3. [Conforming with Erasmus+ scholarship eligibility rules](#) (E+ scholarship applicants only)
4. [Completing the online application form and upload of all required documents.](#)

The Erasmus+ programme of the European Union has provided scholarships to the Copernicus Master in Digital Earth Consortium, for four intakes. 13 scholarships will be available for the first intake; in total, a maximum of 30 students shall start studies starting in October 2019; planned arrival at Salzburg in mid-September 2019. This first call for applications shall be open from January 2, 2019 – March 14, 2019.

The Selection Committee (SelCom) prepares a nomination proposal for candidates selected as Erasmus+ EMJMD Scholarship Holders, Non-Scholarship Holders, and Reserve-Listed Candidates.



Unsuccessful candidates will be notified. 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.

**Non-Scholarship Holders:** All selected candidates not receiving an E+ scholarship within the CDE programme are considered as self-funded. 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.

**Programme Countries:** (see [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))

<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

**Partner Countries:** All other than Programme Countries.

**Please note:** 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.

**Please note:** If you currently are an undergraduate student and do not yet have a final degree certificate at the time of application, you are eligible to apply as a self-funded student but not allowed to apply for an E+ Scholarship. Current master students wishing to enroll in this EMJMD apply based on their prior first degree.

**CDE POINT SCORE SYSTEM FOR RANKING**

The Selection Committee ranks applications according to five categories: Outstanding, Highly competent, Competent, Not yet competent, and Failed. Admission to the programme will be offered to outstanding applicants. Please note that ineligible applications will not be assessed.

<b>Point Score</b>	
<b>Rating Code</b>	<b>Rating</b>
<b>45-60</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
30-45	Highly competent
20-30	Competent
10-20	Not yet competent
0-10	Failed

**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.

<b>Criteria</b>			
		<b>max</b>	<b>scores</b>
	Cover Letter	5	
	Level of English	5	
	GPA (average of grades) in presented certificates	5	
	Prior Learning in: Geoinformatics includes Remote Sensing, Geostatistics, Cartography, Surveying, Computer Science	10	
	Motivation letter	10	
	Additional points	15	
	Project Experience		
	Publications		
	Conference presentations		
	Teaching Experience		
	First scholarship award		
	Other (e.g. involvement in outreach, community services)		
	<b>Points from online application</b>	<b>50</b>	
<b>Online Interview</b>		10	
	<b>TOTAL Points after online interview</b>	<b>60</b>	



## Procedure and Deadlines

<b>January 2, 2019 – March 14, 2019</b>	<b>CALL 1 - SELECTION PROCEDURE</b>	<b>INTAKE 1</b>
Through March 14, 2019	Eligibility Check, Initial Filtering by Selection Committee	
March 28, 29	Selection Committee Meeting	
until April 3, 2019	Online (personal) Interviews	
April 4/5, 2019	Selection Committee Meeting	
until April 8, 2019	Information to Applicants	
until April 15, 2019	E+ Scholarship proposal submitted to EACEA	
<b>1.10.2019 - 30.09.2020 STUDY YEAR 1 (PLUS)</b>		
October 1, 2019 – January 30, 2020	<i>Arrival of students for PLUS Orientation Week by mid-September</i>	Semester 1 @ PLUS
March 2020 – June 2020		Semester 2 @ PLUS
<b>1.10.2020 - 30.09.2021 STUDY YEAR 2 (Option GeoDSc - UBS)</b>		
September 2020 – January 2021	<i>Arrival of students for UBS welcome day 1st week of September</i>	Semester 3 @ UBS
February 2021 – June/July 2021		Semester 4 @ UBS
<b>1.10.2019 - 30.09.2020 STUDY YEAR 2 (Option GeoVIS – UPOL)</b>		
September 2020 – January 2021	<i>Arrival of students for UPOL welcome week in September</i>	Semester 3 @ UPOL
Mid-February 2021 – June 2021		Semester 4 @ UPOL

## Application and Selection Procedure

The application procedure is divided into three steps: (1) Application, (2) Selection of Candidates, and (3) Registration for Admission.

### application

Self-funding &  
E+ Scholarship Students



Interested and qualified candidates submit their application.

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.

### selection

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The selection procedure is informed by the minimum requirements

set by the European Commission. It guarantees the transparency of the selection process and an equitable treatment of individual applications. Information about an appeal procedure is available to all CDE applicants.

### admission

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The CDE Programme Office together with partner universities

admission offices will facilitate required admission steps.

## Relevant Information on the programme's website:

**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/procedures-deadlines/selection-step-2/>

**Admission:** <https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/procedures-deadlines/admission-step-3/>

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

**Appeal:** <https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/procedures-deadlines/appeal/>

