

Student Agreement

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EU-CONEXUS JOINT MASTER PROGRAMME IN MARINE BIOTECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT



Date:

Agreement No. **JMPMB-xxx**

Student Agreement

Intake 202X-202X

between the Programme Coordinator University, Fundación Universidad Católica de Valencia San Vicente Mártir, established in Calle Quevedo 2, 46001 VALENCIA, Spain, VAT number G97024787, represented for the purposes of signing the Student Agreement by the **Academic Coordinator** _____, on behalf of the EU-CONEXUS joint Master programme in Marine Biotechnology consortium universities

La Rochelle Université, France

Agricultural University of Athens, Greece,

Universitatea Tehnica de Constructii Bucuresti, Romania,

Klaipėdos Universitetas, Lithuania,

Sveučilište u Zadru, Croatia,

all together hereinafter referred to as 'Consortium of Universities'

and the Student **Ms/Mr.** _____ born in _____ on _____; holding the citizenship of _____; with the ID number _____ hereinafter referred to as 'Student',

and collectively hereinafter referred to as 'Parties'.

This Student Agreement, hereinafter referred to as 'Agreement', defines joint programme implementation rules and mechanisms as well as mutual rights, obligations and responsibilities between the Consortium of Universities and the Student.

Article 1. General provisions

The Agreement shall be valid for the whole study period after verification and recognitions by all universities involved. It shall define the procedure and costs of the studies, obligations of the Parties, and the provisions of Agreement validity, amendment and termination. Legal acts of the Kingdom of Spain or other national legislations of the Consortium of Universities, the EU-CONEXUS Joint Master Programme in Marine Biotechnology Agreement and other EU-CONEXUS legal documents shall be applied in cases where the Agreement cannot regulate certain study issues of the Student.

The Student is registered on the joint Master programme in Marine Biotechnology (hereinafter referred to as 'Programme') in the full-time study form. The studies will start on **September 202X**, but the welcome day will be **September X**, and it is important to assist due to important information will be given during these days before studies start. These dates may vary. **The chosen study track is X:**

Article 2. Study programme

Title of the programme:	Joint Master programme in Marine Biotechnology (JMPMB)
Official length of the programme:	120 ECTS, 2-year studies
Mode of study:	Full-time studies
Qualification degree:	Masters' Degree in Marine Biotechnology (or equivalent according to the national qualification of participating universities/countries)
Field of study (ISCED):	05 Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics
Tracks :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Innovative Bioproducts for Future - Blue Biomass - Marine Biorefinery - Aquaculture Biotechnology
Language of studies:	English
Type of diploma	Combination of joint diploma and double degree
Access to:	third cycle (doctoral) studies and/or labour market

The 120 ECTS joint Master programme consists of

- **Core courses** (54 ECTS) are taught throughout the 1st academic year in the areas of Marine Omics, Marine Biodiversity Prospecting, Blue Biotechnology Business & R&D Management and Bio-Chemistry of Marine Natural Products,
- **Internship** (6 ECTS) is carried out at the end of the 2nd semester of the 1st academic year. The professional practice prepares students in a very practical way for future employment,
- **Optional courses** (taught virtually) of the chosen **track** (specialisation) (16 ECTS),
- Each track is completed with a course called **Academic Research Integration** (14 ECTS),
- **Master Thesis** (30 ECTS).

Full description of the programme, JMPMB ECTS Course catalogue, learning outcomes, the academic procedures, regulations, requirements for Master thesis, assessment, appeal procedures, etc, are exposed in the documentation provided regularly on the Programme's website [Joint Master Programme in Marine Biotechnology - EU-CONEXUS](#)

Article 3. Academic calendar

The academic calendar for each academic year is confirmed by 30 May and published on the Programme website. Public holidays depend on the country where Student is studying physically.

Article 4. Registration and Student's status

After having provided final documents required for admission to the Programme Coordinator University, and verifications and recognitions have been completed by NARICs (National Academic Recognition Information Centers) of all partners, the Student is registered as a full-time student of the joint Master programme in Marine Biotechnology in all EU-CONEXUS joint Master programme in Marine Biotechnology consortium universities for the full duration of the Programme.

When the Student is physically at one university, the status of the Student at the other consortium universities is 'on mobility'.

The Student will receive the student card of the Programme Coordinator University, and will have right to get the student card of each university he/she will be studying physically during the Programme.

Article 5. Individual study plan

The Student follows the study plan of the Programme as confirmed in the 'JMPMB ECTS Course Catalogue for intake of 2022' and an individualised part via the chosen track in the 3rd semester.

The Student is allowed to take additional local language courses up to 6 ECTS at the host university each time the Student changes the host university.

The additional 6 ECTS language course is complementary and the Student does not pay any fees for it.

If the Student wants to take any other additional courses, it is allowed but total study plan must not exceed 42 ECTS. Any other but national language course is paid at the rate of the host university.

The additional course(s) must be chosen before the semester or during the first 15 days after the semester commences at the latest and communicated and approved by the academic tutor at the host university. Once the study plan is confirmed, the Student is obliged to pass the exam of the selected course.

Additional courses to the Programme plan will be included in the Diploma Supplement.

Article 6. Mobility within the programme

The Student enrolled in the Programme has mandatory mobility among the universities of the Consortium with a full academic acknowledgement of the credits acquired. During the two years of the Programme, the Student must spend at least two study periods (one academic semester (30 ECTS)) in two countries which are different from the country of residence of the student at enrolment. Compulsory mobility periods cannot be replaced by virtual mobility (distance learning).

	Host university/country
1 st semester	UCV, Spain
2 nd semester	LRUniv, France. Internship (8 weeks) at the end of the 2 nd semester may be carried at any company/research institution in any country.
3 rd semester	All partner universities according to the chosen track by the student in order to carry out his/her ARI; the elective courses will be taught online
4 th semester	All partner universities, associated partners and other higher education and/or research institutions according to the chosen Master's thesis topic

Article 7. Internship

An internship (8 weeks 6 ECTS) at the end of the 2nd semester is an obligatory part of the Programme's curricula. Two internship supervisors (one from Consortium of Universities, one from laboratory or company) will be assigned to the Student. The internship may be carried out in a laboratory of LRUUniv or at any university or company in any country.

Article 8. Choosing the Track in the 3rd semester

At the beginning of the second semester an information seminar will be organised to present the tracks and projects to be carried out in the 'Academic Research Integration' course in the 3rd semester.

The Student will be able to choose the projects, by filling in the application form on Moodle Platform until the end of the Complementary exam session of the 1st semester. If there is a competition for the same project, the priority will be given to the student with higher ranking (the ranking depends on the grade point average (GPA) of the 1st semester (50%), and the motivation letters addressed to the projects managers (50%)).

The final assignment of the track and project will be confirmed during the 2nd semester.

Article 9. Assessment of courses and Master thesis

To test knowledge and understanding of material presented in the theoretical and practical lectures and laboratory works, the Student will be assessed via a combination of written and oral examinations, oral presentations, reports, poster presentations, laboratory tests, etc. The assessment method for each course will be communicated before the official start of the course on the Moodle platform.

Summative assessment contributes to grades and involves usually a combination of above listed methods. The Student has right to access to appeal in case of doubts about the assessment.

Each university of the Consortium uses its own grading system which is converted to the ECTS grading system in the end of each exam session which is available on the Programme website. After having successfully passed all prior exams the Student is allowed to choose the Master thesis topic offered by the Consortium of Universities or propose his/her own. Master thesis is carried out by the student in one of Partners', Associated Partner universities or other higher education and/or research institution during the 4th semester. The Student will receive the guidelines for Master thesis. The thesis has to be written in English and include an abstract in the national language of the host university. The Master thesis will be assessed by the joint Jury of the Master thesis and defended publicly.

Article 10. Degree

The Student will be awarded a joint Master's degree in Marine Biotechnology of the Consortium of Universities after having successfully passed all exams and defended the Master thesis.

Master's degree in Marine Biotechnology refers to the following degrees issued by the universities of Consortium:

Fundación Universidad Católica de Valencia San Vicente Mártir	Máster Universitario en Biotecnología Marina
La Rochelle Université	Master en Biotechnologie parcours Marine Biotechnologies
Agricultural University of Athens Γεωπονικό Πανεπιστήμιο Αθηνών	Master in Marine Biotechnology Μεταπτυχιακό Πρόγραμμα Σπουδών Θαλάσσιας Βιοτεχνολογίας
Klaipėdos Universitetas	Technologijų mokslų magistro laipsnis, studijų kryptis - Biotechnologija
Sveučilište u Zadru	Magistar morske biotehnologije

**Additionally, LRUniv will issue national Master diploma*

Universitatea Tehnica de Constructii Bucuresti is participating in the implementation of the JMPMB but will not issue the joint diploma.

The Student has to apply for issuing the diploma and diploma supplement at the Programme Coordinator University. The joint diploma and diploma supplement will be issued and registered by the Universidad Católica de Valencia within six months after the request is submitted and can be collected at the Programme Coordinator University or the Spanish embassy or consulate where the Student resides after the graduation.

The Universidad Católica de Valencia will issue a provisional diploma and transcript of records to the Student on the Graduation ceremony or deliver it to the Student by post/email. The latter shall be eligible to apply for further studies or to enter labour market until the final diploma and diploma supplement are issued.

Article 11. Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM) scholarships and financial provisions for the studies

The Student is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master (EMJM) scholarship holder for an entire period of the Programme (from the start of studies on _____ and approximately 22 months), unless the Agreement is terminated earlier.

The Student cannot benefit (must refuse any other scholarship or bursary) from another EU funded scholarship scheme to follow the same (or another) EMJM Master programmes (for entire period of enrolment in the Programme).

A reduction of the scholarship in case of the minimum mobility requirements are not fulfilled (proportionate amount corresponding to the missing mobility period of the concerned academic semester).

The payment of scholarship is suspended if the Student is forced to temporarily interrupt his/her studies (following duly justified and well documented reasons) and resume them afterwards.

The payment is immediately suspended if the Student decides to terminate his/her studies, and he/she must reimburse the amount of scholarship paid in advance during the current month.

The monthly scholarship of one thousand four hundred (1,400.00) euros will be paid monthly to the Student's account by the Programme Coordinator University. The Student is requested to open bank account in a Spanish bank.

EMJM scholarship holder does not pay any fees or costs (including tuition fees, insurance coverage, thesis defence, etc.) to fulfil the Programme requirements (120 ECTS) and achieve the Programme outcomes.

The Student shall be charged an additional fee for the courses he/she has to retake in proportion to the number of the credits of the course.

The Student shall not be charged any additional fee for the national language course of maximum 6 ECTS per semester.

The Student shall be charged an additional fee for additionally selected courses (which are outside the Programme course catalogue) in proportion to the number of the credits in accordance to the procedure determined by the host or course providing University of the Consortium.

Under special circumstances (e.g. loss of parents, illness, other), which severely impacts the financial status of the Student, he/she might be granted a one-off scholarship by the Consortium of Universities in compliance with the established procedure.

Article 12. Obligations of the Consortium of Universities

The Consortium of Universities jointly and each university individually shall:

- ensure the quality of the studies in the Programme;
- provide the Student with an access to the EU-CONEXUS Smart Campus and university's intranet and a university email address (UCV), which shall be used for sending all information related to the Student's studies at the Consortium of Universities;
- provide free course support materials on physical or electronic format;
- inform the Student on the Programme's legal and academic aspects in a transparent manner;
- provide access to adequate services and means of support in order to complete the Programme;
- provide transparent information and advice the Student on mobility within the programme, migration, health insurance, accommodation, cultural integration, etc. aspects;
- provide health and accident insurance to the Student, valid for the entire Programme period and cover its cost;
- provide the Student all services and facilities (e.g., sports activities, library, co-studying spaces, counselling, psychological support, etc.) which are available to the students of the host university;
- provide the Student with the contacts of academic tutor, international tutor, Erasmus Student Network and other important staff at each host university;
- administer personal data of the Student in compliance with the requirements of the legal acts of the European Union;
- award a Master's degree in Marine Biotechnology and a diploma and a diploma supplement to the Student who finished the whole programme and completely accounted for it.

Article 13. Rights of the Student

The Student has the right to:

- academic freedom of thought;
- fair recognition of comparable qualifications;
- be informed at the beginning of the programme regarding the curricula, year structure and course objectives, the general competences/learning outcomes they will achieve by finalising the course, as well as the assessment method;
- access educational materials available in university libraries or institutional websites;

- receive an objective and non-discriminatory evaluation of acquired skills as stated in the pre-defined curriculum, after attending a course/programme and successfully finalising the responsibilities related to it;
- freely appeal the received grades in exams, according to the joint or internal regulations;
- benefit from counselling, both before and during programme;
- students with physical disabilities have the right to be informed about special facilities, support and receive counselling to help them access the Programme and graduate;
- be considered an equal partner in the programme activities and to participate in the continuous assessment and improvement of their educational programmes;
- be treated by the Consortium of Universities in the same way as ‘home’ students, irrespective of gender, ethnic background, religion or other belief, sexual orientation, or disability;
- appeal against any act he/she would consider discriminatory at coordinator of the Programme and/or EU-CONEXUS Student Board;
- to associate in structures or student organisations, to organise themselves freely. The Student must not suffer academic, financial or legal consequences stemming from such involvement;
- be informed about the email contacts of the EU-CONEXUS Student Board and the Student Ombudsman;
- to be informed how to become a member of EU-CONEXUS Student Board and Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association.

Article 14. Obligations of the Student

The Student shall:

- at the beginning of the studies familiarise with legal acts regulating the organisation of study process and other relevant legal acts published at the Programme’s website;
- fulfil the requirements of the Programme;
- give feedback and participate in discussions about the quality of the programme;
- participate in evaluation/surveys conducted by the Consortium of Universities and/or European Commission or its delegated authority;
- comply with the academic discipline and the procedures determined in internal legal acts of the Consortium of Universities and each university individually;
- respect the copyright of others and recognise the ownership of ideas and the intellectual properties of the elaborated works;
- develop and present original academic work;
- equip with all the facilities necessary to participate in the online activities;
- not use the information, make pictures or register other students without permission during classes/events;
- behave with ethics during the studies and commit no fraudulent act;
- not abuse or misuse the access to equipment and installations and will not perform any unauthorised access or violation of departments/universities rules;
- regularly check and use the email service provided by the Consortium of Universities and the access to the EU-CONEXUS Smart Campus. If the Student does not fulfil this obligation, he/she shall have no right to file a complaint about undelivered messages;
- pay the tuition fee established in Article 11 of this Agreement or delegate this obligation to the third party under a separate agreement and pay the fee if the third party fails to do so;
- allow the Consortium of Universities to provide information about the Student’s academic performance to third parties who sponsor his/her studies in the Programme;
- protect his/her own personal data and that of other persons: not share his/her passwords and other login data used at the Smart Campus systems, university’s computers, not leave an active computer with personal data without logging off;

- in case of changes in Student's contact data (place of residence or email) or other data, Student must notify Consortium of Universities in written (by e-mail) during 5 (five) days at the latest;
- fulfil the requirements for legal stay in the country different than original country of residence of the Student and have a valid health insurance;
- fulfil any other obligations outlined in the other legal acts of the Consortium of Universities.

Article 15. Intellectual property rights

The Student owns author's property and moral rights for the study works created by him/her (e.g. thesis, laboratory works, course projects, papers, scientific articles, conference thesis, etc.), except in cases described further in this Article of the Agreement.

The Student provides the Consortium of Universities, for the duration of the validity of property rights, with a non-exclusive right to submit and publicly disclose study works created by the Student while fulfilling their obligations, as determined by the legislation defining the study process in the Consortium of Universities, in the intranet databases of the EU-CONEXUS Smart Campus.

Property rights to computer programmes, databases, study works, and other works created by the Student are transferred permanently to the Consortium of Universities if the works were created by using the experience gained at the University, intellectual property, financial support, equipment or premises of the University.

Article 16. Final provisions

The Agreement shall be valid from the date of signing.

The Student shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by warning the Programme Coordinator University in writing at least 14 (fourteen) days in advance.

The Agreement shall be terminated:

- following the issue of a (provisional) diploma and diploma supplement verifying the completion of the Programme;
- in the cases determined when the Student is expelled from the Consortium of Universities.
- If the student decides to terminate the Agreement

The Student is expelled from the Consortium of Universities due to:

- violation of the Agreement;
- failure of the Student to fulfil the requirements of the Programme;
- other cases determined in the academic regulation and other legal acts of the Consortium of Universities.

The Student must comply with the regulations of the legal acts of the country of studies/internship and be responsible for his/her legal stay while studying. When the Student breaks the laws of legal stay, in the case of expulsion from the Consortium of Universities, the Agreement is terminated.

The Student shall agree that the Consortium of Universities legally administers his/her personal information and provide the data requested by The European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).

The Student shall confirm that he/she provided valid personal and academic regulation when signing the Agreement. The Student shall be responsible for any losses due to provision of fallacious data.

During all the period of studies at the Consortium of Universities all information related to studies is delivered to Student only by the email provided by the Consortium of Universities; it is considered appropriate provision of information to the Student. After termination or expiration of the Agreement all notifications, applications, requests and other correspondence is considered duly served to the Student if

it is delivered personally, sent by post or personal email indicated by the Student. Notification sent by any means of delivery is considered received on the day it is delivered (if delivered personally), on the day it is served (if sent by post), or on the day it is sent (if sent by email).

Student's login data to EU-CONEXUS Smart Campus (username and password) is logically linked to a signed document; it unambiguously identifies a specific Student and is considered an electronic signature, having the same legal effect as signature in the Consortium of Universities internal written documents.

Conflicts between the Parties shall be solved in compliance with the procedures determined by the EU-CONEXUS Consortium Agreement. In cases when the Parties cannot reach peaceful resolution, the conflict shall be brought to court of the registered address of the Programme Coordinator University in compliance with the procedure determined by the Kingdom of Spain.

The Agreement, except electronic agreements, shall be signed in two copies of equal legal effect. One copy shall be given to the Student and the other one kept at the Consortium of Universities, in the personal file of the Student.

By signing this Agreement, the Parties confirm that the content of the Agreement is understandable, clear and conforms to the will expressed by the Parties.

Article 17. Information of the Parties

Addresses of the Parties of the Agreement:

The Fundación Universidad Católica de Valencia San Vicente Mártir,

the Programme Coordinator University on behalf of the EU-CONEXUS joint Master programme in Marine Biotechnology consortium universities

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Signatures of the Parties

JMPMB Academic Coordinator

Student

(signature, date)

(signature, date)

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