EU-CONEXUS TALENT ATTRACTION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JOINT MASTER PROGRAMMES

EU-CONEXUS AMBITION

The European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability (EU-CONEXUS) is a transnational European higher education and research alliance addressing global and local challenges by tackling coastal environmental, technical, economic and societal needs. EU-CONEXUS is a fully-fledged university. It offers education, training, study programs, performs research and links with socio-economic actors for supporting innovation. The partners of the alliance are La Rochelle Université, Agricultural University of Athens, Catholic University of Valencia, Klaipeda University, University of Zadar, Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest, South East Technological University, University of Rostock and Frederick University. To find more information, please visit the EU-CONEXUS Website.

The EU-CONEXUS alliance has a number of Joint Master study programmes in which it is deeply proud. These programmes include physical mobility which students must follow in order to participate in the programme. Considering the financial burden associated with relocation to begin and continue with their studies on a Joint study programme, the EU-CONEXUS Talent Attraction Scholarship has been established.

OBJECTIVES OF THE EU-CONEXUS TALENT ATTRACTION SCHOLARSHIP

The EU-CONEXUS community aims to develop highly skilled work ready graduates with international experiences and multi-cultural experiences through their Joint programmes, These joint programmes all require mobility between partners which results in students incurring costs associated with relocating in order to commence or continue with their studies. The EU-CONEXUS Talent Attraction Scholarship has been designed to financially assist students with these expenses.

The overall objectives of the current call of the Talent Attraction Scholarship are:

- ✓ To enhance access to and participation in EU-CONEXUS joint degree programmes by providing financial support that reduces the economic barriers associated with international mobility, enabling talented students to fully engage in transnational and intercultural learning experiences.
- ✓ To attract, support, and retain high-potential students within EU-CONEXUS joint programmes by facilitating mobility between partner institutions, thereby fostering the development of globally minded, highly skilled, and work-ready graduates equipped to thrive in diverse international environments.

Eligible beneficiaries: Students who have been selected and formally started an EU-CONEXUS Joint Master programme in September 2026 (1st year students) in which there is mandatory mobility in the programme and for

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which the applicant incured or will incur relocation expenses associated with commencement of their studies on this Joint Master programme or moving between the universities.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ An application proposal must be submitted
- ✓ The Joint Master for which the scholarship is applied for must be a fully accredited, recognised EU-CONEXUS Joint Master programme
- ✓ The Joint Master programme must contain mobilities between different university partners
- ✓ The student must have to relocate in order to commence and/or continue their studies on the Joint Master programme
- ✓ The applicant has to send the **completed application form** to the following email address: eu-conexa@eu-conexus.eu

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The scholarship is intended as a financial contribution* toward travel and mobility-related expenses incurred for the journey from the home country (city) to the host country at which students must travel to commence on an EU-CONEXUS Joint Master programme.
**It does not necessarily cover the full cost of the mobility.*

In order to access the scholarships, students must be selected and offered a place on the programme. In addition, it is recognised that this scholarship is not intended to cover the costs of tuition fees.

Applicants are required to declare that they are not receiving, and will not use this scholarship to duplicate, financial support from any other European Union-funded programme for the same activity, mobility period, or eligible expense. Any instance of double funding may result in the withdrawal of the scholarship and recovery of funds.

Subject to the availability of funding, scholarships will be awarded to selected students who have successfully completed the admission process for an EU-CONEXUS Joint Master programme.

SCHOLARSHIPS ALLOCATION CRITERIA

1. Ranking of selected students
Students selected for admission to the Joint Master programme shall be ranked in descending order according to their Admission Ranking Score by the **Master's Selection Committee**.

2. Scholarship allocation criteria
Scholarships shall be allocated to eligible applicants in accordance with the following criteria, applied in the order of priority set out below:

a) Academic merit
The Admission Ranking Score shall constitute the primary criterion for scholarship allocation.
b) Balance between specialisation tracks
The Selection Committee shall seek to ensure a balanced distribution of scholarships among the specialisation tracks of the Joint Master programme, while taking into account the ranking of eligible students.

c) Geographical balance
To promote geographical diversity, a maximum of two scholarships per country shall be awarded. Where more than two eligible students from the same country are ranked for scholarship allocation, scholarships shall be awarded to the two students with the highest Admission Ranking Scores, taking into account the other allocation criteria. If there is available budget, more than two scholarships per country may be awarded. This is subject to change depending on the demographics of the applicants.

d) Distance from the student's home location to the programme's starting location
Where further consideration is required to allocate scholarships among otherwise comparable candidates, priority may be given to students travelling longer distances to the starting location of the Joint Master programme. Distance shall be calculated on the basis of the home country and city declared in the application, using the Erasmus+ distance calculator.

In addition, The Student may receive a special needs fund in addition to the scholarship if one of the following criteria applies, based on the supporting documents provided by the Student during application:

a. Refugee/asylum seeker (respective status)
b. Student with caring responsibilities (of children between 0-18; birth certificate of the child must be provided) (or of parents/family members with certified disabilities/impairments; a confirmation that the Student is the carer must be provided)
c. Student with disabilities/learning disabilities (disability pass)
d. Student with chronic disease/s (medical confirmation)

3. Establishment of the Final Scholarship Allocation List
The **Scholarship Evaluation Committee** shall establish the Final Scholarship Allocation List in accordance with the criteria set out above, subject to the availability of scholarship funding and compliance with the applicable eligibility requirements. The limit of two scholarships per country may be exceeded where additional scholarship funding is available, allowing other eligible students from the same country to be awarded a scholarship. The evaluation and allocation process shall be documented to ensure transparency and consistency in the application of the criteria.

FUNDING CRITERIA

- ✓ The funding/grant is **€2000 (VAT included) per student** and it can be used to support mobilities and relocation for an EU-CONEXUS Joint Master programme, meeting the above mentioned conditions
- ✓ Co-funding is allowed whether it comes from the partners' own funds or from public or private funds;
- ✓ The grant will be awarded to the Master by EU-CONEXA organization.
- ✓ The process will be managed by EU-CONEXA AISBL. Please refer to their procedure for the justification papers and others.

FINAL NOMINATION

- ✓ Scholarship allocation notification will be sent to nominated students together with Conditional acceptance letter by email.
- ✓ The nominated candidate can accept or refuse the scholarship by indicating the choice in the official reply to the Conditional acceptance letter.

If a nominated student refuses the Reallocation scholarship, the next student from the waiting list moves up to take the study place following the eligibility criteria listed above

Scholarship payment

The scholarship will be paid after student's arrival and official enrolment at the first host university of the Joint Master programme. The Master officer confirms EU-CONEXA by e-mail about the physical arrival and registration at the programme university

The academic coordinator of the relevant Joint Master programme reserves the right to declare the call partially or fully void if circumstances so require, as well as to cancel any awarded scholarship in cases of non-compliance with the established requirements or deadlines.

Appeals

The Scholarship Evaluation Committee guarantees an absence of any conflict of interest as well as transparency and equal treatment for all nominated students.

In case of any objection in any stage of the application, appeals can be submitted to the Programme Coordinator University using the designated Master programme email address within three working days after publishing the Scholarships awarding results. The Scholarship Evaluation Committee shall

review the appeal within two working days.

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EU-CONEXUS Talent Attraction Scholarship Application Form

SECTION 1: APPLICANT DETAILS

Full Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Nationality: _____
Country of Permanent Residence before the start of the studies:
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Email Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Current Address:
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SECTION 2: JOINT MASTER PROGRAMME DETAILS

EU-CONEXUS Joint Master Programme: _____
Track/Specialisation: _____
University at which studies will commence: _____
Programme Start Date: _____
Application/Student ID Number: _____

SECTION 3: MOBILITY AND RELOCATION INFORMATION

Home City: _____

Home Country: _____
Host University: _____
Host City: _____
Host Country: _____
(Expected) Date of Travel: _____
Expected Mode of Transport: _____
Additional Mobility Information: _____
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If additional funds are available to support spencial needs topup, Are you seeking consideration for a scholarship top-up based on special needs, caring responsibilities, or other exceptional circumstances?
☐ Yes
☐ No
If yes, please provide details and include evidence documents with your application:
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SECTION 4: APPLICANT STATEMENT (Maximum 300 words)

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SECTION 5: ELIGIBILITY AND FUNDING DECLARATION

☐ I have received a formal offer of admission.
☐ The programme includes mandatory mobility.
☐ I am required to relocate to start my studies/perform studies mobility during my studies.
☐ Information provided is accurate and complete.
☐ I understand false declarations may result in withdrawal of funding.
☐ I will not claim duplicate EU funding for the same activity/cost.
☐ I will notify EU-CONEXUS of any overlapping funding received.

SECTION 6: DATA PROTECTION AND GDPR CONSENT

☐ I consent to the processing of my personal application for Joint Master programme, admission and studies start data by Master officer for scholarship allocation, administration, reporting, monitoring, audit and compliance purposes.
☐ I understand anonymised data may be used for programme reporting purposes.

SECTION 7: APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Applicant Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

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A. Eligibility Verification

Requirement	Yes	No
Offer of admission provided		
Enrolled on Joint Master		
Relocation confirmed		
Proof of residence provided		
Double funding declaration signed		
Applicant eligible		

B. Application Details

Application Reference Number: _____
Date Received: _____
Joint Master Programme: _____
Track/Specialisation: _____
Home Country: _____
Destination Country: _____

C. Ranking Information

Admission Ranking Position	
Admission Ranking Score	
Distance Calculation Method	Erasmus+ Distance Calculator
Distance (km)	
Applicant Category (EU/Non-EU)	

Distance Ranking Position	

D. Scholarship Outcome

Combined Ranking Position	
Scholarship Available	
Reserve List Position	
Award Recommended	

E. Assessment Notes

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F. Authorisation

Assessor Name: _____
Date of Assessment: _____
Recommendation: _____
Authorising Officer: _____
Signature: _____
Date Approved: _____