

Study in Europe - Erasmus Mundus: International MSc in Rural Development

WHAT?

The opportunity to **STUDY INTERNATIONAL VISIONS ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT** in their diversity of approaches and applications and to make comparative analyses of EU and non-EU Agricultural and Rural Development strategies and policies.

OBJECTIVE?

Become a **SPECIALIST IN INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT**, through a **TWO YEAR MASTER PROGRAMME** jointly organised by six **EUROPEAN LEADING INSTITUTES** in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, in collaboration with several partners in the **UNITED STATES, CHINA, ECUADOR, INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA**.

HOW?

Receive a combination of **BASIC AND SPECIALISED TRAINING** in technical, economic and social sciences, participate in a **CASE STUDY** of one month and edit your individual **MASTER THESIS**. The programme includes **A HIGH EXTENT OF STUDENT MOBILITY**, making it possible to learn from specialists worldwide.

SCHOLARSHIPS?

Being an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree, the IMRD programmes is entitled to - each academic year - award a *limited number* of **Erasmus+ Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Student scholarships** to promising nationals of Erasmus + partner countries. Apply for the programme and the scholarship simultaneously.

Starting intake 2015, partner universities and consortium beneficiaries award a limited number of full **IMRD Consortium Scholarships** to young promising students from all nationalities. As these scholarships are mainly provided by consortium partners, awarded students are expected to study at least half of the IMRD programme, and conduct their master dissertation at the partner awarding them the scholarship.

WHY?

IMRD brings together scholars from **LEADING UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES WORLDWIDE** to expose you to different paradigms, visions, approaches and practices for the development of rural areas. Add an international academic experience to your CV, **ACQUIRE NEW SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL SKILLS AND NEW LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL SKILLS**. Strengthen your competitive advantage on the job market: **COMBINE THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE IN DEVELOPMENT THEORIES, AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND POLICIES** with **PRACTICAL BASED COMPARATIVE KNOWLEDGE OF DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT**.

WHO?

Ghent University (Belgium)	Agrocampus Ouest in Rennes (France)
Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany)	University of Agriculture in Nitra (Slovakia)
Wageningen University (Netherlands)	University of Pisa (Italy)
Universities of Arkansas (US)	Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (Ecuador)
University of Pretoria (South Africa)	University of Agricultural Sciences (India)
Nanjing Agricultural University (China)	Beijing Agricultural University (China)

MOBILITY SCHEME?

1st year IMRD	GENERAL ENTRANCE MODULE SEMESTER I 25-35 ECTS	
	Ghent University	
	ADVANCED MODULE I SEMESTER II 15-40 ECTS	
	any partner university	thesis partner university
2nd year IMRD	CASE STUDY SUMMER COURSE 10 ECTS	
	University of Pisa or Slovak University of Agriculture	
	ADVANCED MODULE II SEMESTER III 15-40 ECTS	
	Thesis partner university	any partner university
	MASTER DISSERTATION SEMESTER IV 30 ECTS	
Thesis partner university		

More information:

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