

**ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTER'S COURSE IN "QUATERNARY AND
PREHISTORY"**



AWARD OF NO. 11 ERASMUS MUNDUS SCHOLARSHIPS

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/13**

**DEADLINE:
10 FEBRUARY 2012 - H. 17,00 (ITALIAN TIME)
FOR **CATEGORY A & B****

Article 1 General provisions

On the grounds of the framework partnership agreement signed with the European Commission, for the academic year 2012/2013 the Università degli Studi di Ferrara announces a call for applications to award no. 11 scholarships reserved for third-country students (Category A) and European students (Category B) in the framework of the Erasmus Mundus Master's Course in "Quaternary and Prehistory", operating at the following higher education institutions: Università degli Studi di Ferrara, (Italy) - Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle de Paris (France), Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona (Spain), Instituto Politécnico de Tomar (Portugal), Universidade de Trás-os Montes e Alto Douro (Potugal), University of the Philippines Diliman (Philippine).

The scholarships will be awarded according to the Decision N° 1298/2008/EC published by the European Commission for the Erasmus Mundus programme for the academic year 2009/2013, in the framework of which the scholarships are funded.

The scholarships will be awarded as follows:

Category A - no. 6 scholarships awarded to masters students selected by EMMC consortia who come from a country other than an eligible applicant country and who are not residents nor have carried out their main activity (studies, work, etc.) for more than a total of 12 months over the last five years in one of these countries. **No. 1 scholarship awarded to masters students** selected by EMMC consortia who come from Western Balkans and Turkey.

Category B – no. 4 scholarships awarded to any masters students selected by EMMC consortia and who do not fulfill the Category A criteria defined above.

The selected students will be enrolled in the first year of the Master's Course in "Quaternary and Prehistory" and they will be required to pay registration fees (1000 €/year).

After attending the two year course, each student who has successfully passed the final exam will be awarded the Joint degree signed by all the

partners Institutions representatives or a multiple/joint degree in case of mobility in the Philippines.

Article 2 Admission requirements

The call for applications is open to each graduate student who:

1. has already obtained one of the higher education degrees listed below, or a foreign higher education degree which is legally equivalent:
a degree obtained after a higher education course of at least three years length, in one of the following disciplines:
history + literature (letters), biological sciences, heritage studies, communication, earth sciences, education, environmental sciences, history, tourism, conservation and restoration, cultural and ethnological anthropology, archeology, geography, tourism management, education management, natural sciences, geology, ancient history, information studies (techniques and methods).
2. has a knowledge of English or French language at least equivalent to FCE – First Certificate level of Cambridge Certification System for English and to DELF level of French Ministry of National Education for French (B2 level of Council of Europe).

Article 3 Selection criteria

The eligible applications will be ranked on the basis of the following criteria:

School results	up to 20 points
Reasons for application	up to 15 points
Knowledge of English or French	up to 10 points
Knowledge of a further European language	up to 5 points
Previous experience in the field concerned (archaeological excavations, seminars, intensive courses)	up to 20 points
Additional academic qualifications	up to 5 points
Degree thesis in prehistoric, anthropological or	

palaeontological fields	up to 20 points
Recomandation letters	up to 5 points

At the end of the selection procedure a general list will be drawn up. In accordance with the geographical provisions set out in the call for proposals and its amendments and integrations, grants will be awarded as follows:

- the 6 “General category A” grants to the applicants who have obtained the highest score in the list;
- the 1 “WB and Turkey category A” grant to the applicant who have obtained the highest score in the list;
- the 4 “General category B” grants to the applicants who have obtained the highest score in the list;
- in case of refusal or withdrawal of a grantholder, the grant will be awarded to the following applicant in the list;
- if two or more applicants have the same score, the younger will be selected. In case of further parity the grant will be awarded by drawing lots.

Article 4

Enrollment at a Master Institution

The Master Didactic Board will decide, on the basis of the CV produced, the University Institution at which the grantholder will be enrolled.

More information about the course contents is available at the web page: www.unife.it/progetti/erasmusmundus

Article 5

Grant amount

The amount of the Erasmus Mundus grant awarded by the European Commission is **€ 34.000 for two years for the category A** (8.000 € of contribution to mobility + 2000 € for the inscription + 24.000 € of scholarship) and **€ 17.000 for two years for the category B** (3.000 € for the mobility in the Philippines + 2.000 € for the inscription + 12.000 € of scholarship)

The above mentioned amounts are taxable according to the law of the country of the University where the student is enrolled.

Article 6 **Publication of results**

At the end of the selection procedure, a general list of selected and eligible applicants will be published on the web page:

www.unife.it/progetti/erasmusmundus

The final decision on student acceptance is up to each University Master Institution. The selecting board reserves the right to award a lower number of grants if, at its absolute discretion, applicants are deemed not suitable.

Art. 7

How to apply

Applications, written in English, French or Italian, on the basis of the enclosed form (the form is also available on the web page: www.unife.it/progetti/erasmusmundus) must be sent by e-mail by

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Application, completed with enclosures, must be sent by e-mail to: quaternario.preistoria@unife.it

Along with the application, candidates must send the documents listed in the application outline enclosed with this paper, written in English, French or Italian, or add a translation in one of the above mentioned languages made by a sworn translator or by a Diplomatic representative.

The candidate whose application reaches the University of Ferrara after the said deadline will lose the right to the grant.

The grantholder will be asked to produce, by a deadline to be arranged, a declaration of equivalence of the degree necessary to participate in the call made by the Italian Consulate or Embassy. In the case of the grantholder not presenting this declaration, he will lose the right to the grant.

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APPLICATION FORM

To send to:
quaternario.preistoria@unife.it

I, the undersigned:

Family name _____

Name _____

Gender _____ M F

Citizenship _____

born on _____ at _____

residence (Town and Country) _____

address _____

Tel. _____ E-mail: _____

Degree in _____

apply

for an Erasmus Mundus grant to enroll in the Master's Course in
"Quaternary and Prehistory" in the :

CATEGORY A

CATEGORY B

I, the undersigned, enclose the following documents*:

- identity document certifying my citizenship (passport or ID);
- document certifying my residence (passport or ID);
- educational qualification requested by the call;
- copy of the first page of final thesis or of the summary, if possible;
- document certifying level of knowledge of English or French;
- letter explaining the reasons for participation in the Erasmus Mundus Master;
- recommendation letters;
- CV
- documents certifying previous experience in the field (excavations, seminars, intensive courses, etc.):

YES NO

- document certifying the level of knowledge of the European language _____: YES NO

- further qualification documents (list): YES NO

* The attached documentation must be presented in English, French or Italian, or must be translated into one of these languages by a sworn translator or by a Diplomatic representative.

Date and Place,

Signature