



ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTER IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (GEMMA)

STUDENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

(Students applying for the Erasmus Mundus scholarships (EMJMD) under the new Erasmus+ framework)

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE: For the 15th edition of the GEMMA programme, the Central European University-Private University (Vienna, Austria) will be available again as both Home University (first year) and Mobility University (second year). Its participation depends on the granting of the Erasmus Charter which will be received shortly. All the teaching will be in Vienna, Austria, not in Budapest, Hungary***

Candidates who applied to GEMMA previously should treat each subsequent application as completely new and attach all necessary documents again.

IMPORTANT:

Before submitting your application, please read carefully the Erasmus Mundus eligibility criteria listed at http://masteres.ugr.es/gemma/pages/becas/alumnos/no_ue.

I. Partner Country students Scholarships (non EU/EEE-EFTA)

When filling out the application form, you must indicate whether you are applying for the Erasmus Mundus scholarship. If you do not fulfil the eligibility criteria for scholarships, you can still apply for participation in GEMMA as a self-financing student.

Note: Applicants who have already benefited from an Erasmus Mundus grant before and applicants who are resident or have carried out their main activity (studies, training or work) in a Programme country (EU/EEE-EFTA) for more than a total of 12 months over the last five years, are not eligible for the Erasmus Mundus scholarship. You may apply to a maximum of 3 EM joint programmes (EMMC and EMJD together under the new Erasmus+ framework).

II. GEMMA eligibility information

- Candidates should be in possession of at least a University Bachelor degree (or its equivalent: 180 ECTS, minimum 3 years of study).
- Candidates should have proven knowledge of the language of instruction of the GEMMA Home Institution and of the language of the Mobility Institution (please see the "Languages" section of the instructions below for more details).
- Candidates must correctly fill in the online application form, including all attachments, and be able to post hard copies of all required documents when requested to do so.
- Candidates must submit their application within the deadline.
- Candidates must be able to commit to full-time study during the 2 years period of the course and must be able to complete the compulsory international mobility route.



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- Candidates must indicate the preferences for the mobility route – all combinations are possible provided that they include two different universities in two different European countries (it is therefore not possible to select Granada-Oviedo and Oviedo-Granada).
- Candidates from outside the European Union must be able to meet all legal visa proceedings.

III. Submission of applications

Candidates should complete the application form in all sections. Applications can be completed in any of the official teaching languages of the GEMMA Consortium (English, Italian or Spanish). However candidates should fill in the application in the language of instruction of the institution they choose as their 1st preference home university. Therefore, if you are applying to Granada or Oviedo as the 1st preference home university, you should fill in the application in Spanish, while if you are applying to York, Lodz or Utrecht, you should do so in English. For Bologna, you can use either English or Italian. Failure to choose the correct language for your application could result in automatic rejection.

The application form should be submitted on-line via the GEMMA webpage.

Only exceptionally, if this was not possible due to technical difficulties, candidates may email it to gemma@ugr.es, always before the deadline and after having informed the central coordination about the nature of the difficulties experienced.

Deadline for submitting applications is **17:00, on the 12th of February 2021**, Granada local time. Applications received after that deadline will not be considered.

The following documents (originals) must be scanned and attached to the online application:

(For further instructions, see the file “List of required documents”)

1. CV (should follow the Europass template:
2. <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/es/documents/curriculum-vitae>)
3. Diploma (where necessary, the candidate must provide a translation into any of the GEMMA working languages)
4. Official transcript of academic records (where necessary, the candidate must provide a translation into any of the GEMMA working languages)
5. Separate Average grade certificate (if not included in the Official transcripts of Academic Records)
6. Language certificate (GEMMA Home university)
7. Language certificate (GEMMA Mobility university)
8. Motivation letter
9. A photocopy of the candidate's passport
10. Proof of residence at the time of applying
11. Letters of recommendation ***Please see paragraph IIIa below for detailed instructions on the submission of letters of recommendation.**



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Note: you may also attach other supporting documents, such as publications, certificates of participation in conferences and congresses, specialist course diplomas, professional experience certificates, references, etc. All additional documents should be included scanned in a single pdf file (Not exceeding 4 GB).

Once your application is registered, the system will automatically send you a **notification email with a reference number**, which you should keep and use for all correspondence with the coordinating institution regarding the selection process.

There is no need to send hard copies of your documents. Only if you are selected for the scholarship, you will be requested to send by post hard copies of all the above documents to Granada (further instructions about dates and address will be given in due time). Submitted documents will not be returned.

Please note that candidates, who provide **certified copies** of their documents in the selection process and are selected for the program, will have to present the originals immediately upon the commencement of their study period at the Home and the Mobility university. Failure to do so will result in the student's dropout from the program.

IIIa. Letters of recommendation

When filling out your application form, you will need to provide us with contact details for the two authors of your letters. The system will send an automated email to each person, with a link enabling them to attach the letters, signed and stamped, to your application. You will receive a confirmation email each time a letter is uploaded to your application.

The letters should indicate the professional or academic relation between yourself and the letter of recommendation author and provide a reference on the applicant's academic and general suitability to undertake the proposed course of study and specifically the following information:

- How long has the author known the applicant and in what capacity;
- The nature and class of degree already obtained or expected to be obtained prior to the commencement of the course;
- How the applicant's achievements compare to those of his/her peers;
- For applicants who hold professional qualifications or have professional experience, how the qualifications and/or experience would contribute to the applicant's suitability;
- The applicant's general suitability for graduate study, including any distinct strengths or weaknesses.

Please remember that both letters **MUST BE** submitted before the established deadline. The system will generate links which will be valid until the **12th of February 2021** (the **ABSOLUTE** deadline for uploading the letters). It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that the deadlines are met by both authors; therefore **we highly recommend submitting the application with sufficient time in advance.**



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IV. Selection criteria

CRITERION AND WEIGHT	SUB-CRITERIA
A. Academic excellence (50%)	Previous University study results (0-40)
	Other courses/training related with women's / gender / feminist studies (0-5)
	Extra degrees/years (beyond 3 years) (0-5)
	TOTAL A (0-50)
B. Prior knowledge, professional experience, motivation and social skills (40%)	Experience (0-15)
	Management, coordination functions & social skills (autonomy, initiative and capacity to work in a team) (0-5)
	Relations between professional experience and GEMMA study plan proposed by candidate (0-10)
	GEMMA will be part of a professional career, plan, Project (0-15)
	Relation between GEMMA field of study and the candidate's background (0-15)
	Creativity, innovation and potential (0-5)
	TOTAL B (0-40)
C. Language knowledge (10%)	Candidate masters the language of instruction at the first choice home institution (0-5)
	Candidate masters the language of instruction at the mobility institution (0-5)
	TOTAL C (0-10)
Total (100%)	A + B + C (0-100)

V. Languages

The **languages of instruction** used at the universities that form the GEMMA Consortium are:

- Granada –Spanish in the first year (Home) and English and Spanish in the second year (Mobility);
- Oviedo - Spanish in the first year (Home) and English in the second year (Mobility)
- Bologna – Italian (and some courses in English);
- CEU, York, Utrecht, and Lodz - English.

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It is obligatory to include a certificate of the language of instruction of the institution chosen as Home University in GEMMA. If the language of instruction at the chosen Home University is your mother tongue or the language of instruction of your first degree, you must add a signed declaration stating this condition.

It is also obligatory to include a certificate of the language of instruction of the institution chosen as Mobility University in GEMMA. If the language of instruction at the chosen Mobility University is your mother tongue or the language of instruction of your first degree, you must add a signed declaration stating this condition.

If both universities teach in English, only the English certificate (or any official document proving your proficiency in English) is necessary.

Language certificates must be submitted together with all other documents at the time of submitting the application. If you wish to submit certificates with international recognition, such as IELTS, TOEFL, etc., it is your responsibility to make sure that you can have the results ready before the deadline for applications.

Certificates accepted:

English: TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge Proficiency test or equivalent

Spanish: Instituto Cervantes DELE certificate or equivalent

Italian: Dante Institute standard test or equivalent

The selection Committee has established **recommended scores** for language certificates: IELTS: 6.5; TOEFL (Internet Based): 93; Cambridge Certificates: CAE: C grade, CPE: C grade. Applications with lower scores will also be considered, provided that the candidate can demonstrate their mastery of the language in question.

Language requirements may vary depending on the university. In the case of the Universities of Utrecht, as well as Central European University, TOEFL and IELTS tests are recommended, although other official certificates may be considered.

Following the recommendations of the UK Home Office for visa, **the University of York has specific language requirements that can be consulted here:** <https://www.york.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/apply/international/english/>

For specific information about the language requirements at each GEMMA university, visit our website: <http://masteres.ugr.es/gemma-es/pages/inscripcion/requisitosidioma>

VI. Communication of selection results

Candidates selected for a scholarship will be informed by email by **April 2020**. They will be asked to post hard copies of their documents to Granada.

Appeal procedure: If you wish to appeal against the decision of our Selection Committee, please write an official letter, signed by you and addressed to the Main GEMMA Consortium Coordinator, Prof. Adelina Sanchez Espinosa. This letter has to be sent as soon as possible and no later than within 7 days after the



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selection results are announced. Your application will be reevaluated by 2 members of the Selection Committee and you will be informed about the outcome of your appeal within a fortnight.