Erasmus scholarships



through higher education International collaboration

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The EU publishes a call for proposals that see groups of higher education institutions around the EU and South Africa forming different consortia and applying for funding. Grants are then awarded to the winning consortium and distributed between the member universities. The selection of beneficiaries is done by the selected consortia after the publication of calls for

Applications for scholarships for 2015 are now open and will be closing on March 15. For more information visit: http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/



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embody opportunities to address internationalisation of higher education and more broadly globalisation. Indeed, globalisation and the move towards knowledge-based economies have necessitated a new level of international collaboration through higher education" says ambassador Roeland van de Geer, head of the EU Delegation to South Africa.

The Erasmus programme has been the flagship programme for student mobility in the EU for many years, with about three million beneficiaries, but it is relatively new in South Africa, having been introduced five years ago.

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To date, 537 South Africans have benefitted from the programme that sees them given an opportunity to study at any of the participating universities across EU Member States. Students range from master's to doctoral candidates, with staff members also given the opportunity to lec-ture or research in Europe for a few

Between 2010 and 2014, the EU allocated £22-million (approximately R300-million) to support South African beneficiaries of Erasmus Mundus going to study, research or teach in Europe. For the 2014 to 2020 period, the EU has allocated a further £36.7-million (about R500-million) to the Erasmus+ programme which will succeed Erasmus Mundus actions. These scholarships cover return flights, medical insurance, tuition fees and a monthly stipend for the duration of the stay of study, teaching or researching in Europe.

Creating awareness
"One of the key aspects of the bursary programme is to give South African students the opportunity

programme grow in recent years from an initial slow start to one that is proving to be very popular amongst participating universities," adds Brutus Malada, officer in charge of higher education at the EU Delegation.

various roadshows throughout the country to increase awareness of the bursary programme. Part of this is the annual Study in Europe Fair that will take place at the University of Pretoria on 18 and 19 February 2015.

During this fair, the EU Delegation invites the EU Member States to come and promote study and scholarship opportunities available in their countries. For its part, the EU Delegation in South Africa has been conducting

and engender a sense of excitement around what it means to study

Christophe Larose, head of social and governance sectors at the EU Delegation, says that Erasmus is not a standard scholarship programme as it creates relationships that benefit students and links universities

"This is why events like the fair are important as it gives students the opportunity to come and see for themselves what it entails. We have seen them get very motivated once they talk to someone who has already done it and get insights from them on the experience. Although some students are concerned about the language barrier in a few of the countries, we have seen South African students embracing the cultural experience and learning the language very quickly. So the

Putting the spotlight on Erasmus+

institutions.

Credit mobility scholarships enable students to study up to 12 months abroad at the host university, ensuring that all grades and credits obtained at bachelor's, master's or doctoral level are recognised by the home

university.

The programme also offers scholarships to cover full Erasmus master's degree studies lasting up to two years. The Erasmus master's degree programme enables students to acquire either joint, double or multiple degrees from

Erasmus Mundus in South Africa: By the numbers

"Working in close cooperation with the department of higher education and training, we have made provision for the

"Over time we have seen increased participation by students from previously disad-

vantaged background and from historically disadvantaged institutions" says Christophe Larose, head of social and governance sectors at the EU Delegation.

"The programme has, to some degree, contributed to the

strengthening of international offices at most of the participating universities. This is one of the institutional impacts the Erasmus Mundus programme has had. We expect even greater impact through international collaboration in the years ahead as we proceed with the implementation of Erasmus +" adds Brutus Malada, officer in charge of higher education at the EU Delegation.

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