



EUROPEAN STUDENT AGREEMENT AFEPA MASTER'S PROGRAMME
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) in Agricultural, Food and
Environmental Policy Analysis
Student recipient of an Erasmus Mundus scholarship Programme

Years 2020-2022

The Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, established in Regina-Pacis-Weg 3, 53113 Bonn, Germany, responsible School: Institute for Food and Resource Economics, coordinating Institution of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) *Master's Programme in Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy Analysis* (AFEPA), represented by Professor Thomas Heckelei, AFEPA Coordinator,

of the one part,

Name:

First name:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Nationality:

Passport or identity card number:

the student, of the other part,

have agreed to the following terms and conditions.

1. The student commits him/herself to duly attend the academic programme and the prescribed lectures, seminars, summer sessions and examinations of the *Master's Programme in Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy Analysis*, having a duration of two academic years, beginning on _____, in at least two of the following participating universities of the AFEPA consortium, in accordance with the programme of studies supported by the European Commission: the *Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore* (UCSC, Italy), the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU, Sweden), the *Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn* (UBonn, Germany), and the *Université catholique de Louvain* (UCLouvain, Belgium).
2. The attendance referred in the previous article is recognised by the respective universities as integral parts of the qualification for which the student is preparing, as long as the student is successful in the respective examinations and/or assessments.

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3. To participate in the academic programme of the AFEPA European Master, which is approved by the European Commission under the EMJMD Grant Agreement (2018-1481/ 001) contracted between the Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) of the Commission of the European Communities and the coordinating institution, the student receives a scholarship to the total value of 40,000 Euros¹, donated to the AFEPA Consortium, consisting of the universities mentioned above, by the Commission of the European Communities.

4. The monthly instalments of the scholarship for living costs are paid to the student in twenty four monthly instalments of 1,000 Euros each. The payments of the monthly instalments should begin up to 30 days after the beginning date stated in the first article of the present agreement but not before the end of the registration process at the first host university. These monthly instalments are paid by bank transfer to the student's personal bank account identified in Annex 1 of the present agreement. The contribution to the student's travel costs is paid to the student in two annual instalments of 1,000 Euros per scholarship holder. The payment of the first annual instalment should be paid upon the arrival of the student at the first host university at the beginning of the first academic year but not before the signature of the present agreement and the end of the registration process at the first host University. The payment of the second annual instalment should be paid upon the arrival of the student at the second host university at the beginning of the second academic year but not before the end of the registration process at the second host university.

5. The student agrees that the AFEPA consortium retains the contribution of 4,500 Euros per semester of the scholarship to cover the participation costs to the AFEPA European Master. These participation costs include any compulsory administrative and operational costs related to the participation of the student in the AFEPA European Master (e.g. admission, registration, university tuition, course exams, thesis examination, library and computer access, insurance coverage, etc.). The insurance scheme selected by the coordinating institution covers adequately the student in case of accident, injury, hospitalisation and illness while participating in the AFEPA European Master. Any other costs that may be charged in addition (e.g. for participation in fieldwork activities and summer sessions), being compulsory or voluntary, are communicated to the student at the application stage. These costs and any other costs, such as document application, visa and residence permits, books, local transportation, travels to the host universities and accommodation, including the travel and accommodation expenditures to participate to the two summer sessions are not covered by these participation costs.

6. Under the present agreement, the student is obliged:

- to obtain his/her residence permit from the national and local authorities upon his/her arrival in the host countries if required;
- to participate in the orientation and welcome meetings as well as informative and official meetings and events;
- to attend assiduously, and with the objective of successfully passing, the courses, seminars, summer sessions and the thesis inherent in the programme of studies;
- to refuse any other scholarship or subvention financed by the Commission of the European Communities under other Community programmes.

7. The participating universities of the AFEPA consortium shall announce the academic calendar by the first week of the academic year, including the course schedule and location as well as the

¹ This amount might vary due to the distance between the student's location at the time of the application and the AFEPA Coordination office.

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examination periods. The coordinating institution in consultation with the organizing institution shall announce the period and location of each summer school within the first three months of each academic year.

8. Each participating university of the AFEPA consortium shall post the description of its own courses of the AFEPA academic programme before the beginning of each academic year. The course description includes the objectives and the structure of the course as well as the methods and examination conditions. Each participating university of the AFEPA consortium shall also post the guidelines for the thesis examination before the beginning of each academic year. The Master thesis is examined and evaluated by at least two professors, including the thesis' supervisor from the host participating university and a thesis' adviser from another participating university. Each participating university of the AFEPA consortium uses the grading scale of its own institution as well as the ECTS grading scale if this scale is not already used to assess the academic performance of the student.

9. The student is obligated to read and understand the exam regulations at his or her AFEPA partner universities. The respective exam regulations will be contained in the welcome package at the first year university. If doubts remain, the student is asked to discuss the unclear elements with the local AFEPA representative at the beginning of the academic year.

10. The student can obtain a professional experience through an internship at an associated non-academic partner organization during the second year of the Master's programme. With this, the student can earn 6 to 15 ECTS credits depending on the university where the ECTS credits are earned.

11. The scholarship does not create or entitle an employer-employee relation between the host universities and the student, and therefore is not subject to direct taxation.

12. The student shall participate in programme surveys and evaluations, and join the Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA, see <http://www.ema.eu/>).

13. Scholarships are intended for full-time study. The AFEPA programme however does not foresee any restrictions for re-numerated work outside the scholarship activities providing:

- It is in line with the national legislation of the country(ies) concerned (e.g., the visa or residence permit allows it);
- The scholarship holder can still dedicate the necessary efforts to the AFEPA European Master's mandatory activities in order to complete it successfully within the agreed period.

14. The student has to supply a copy of his current academic transcript as soon as possible after each exam period, but at the latest after the end of a semester to the AFEPA coordination office at UBonn.

15. The student has to stay at his or her respective two programme universities for the entire duration of the academic school years. Short absences such as trips for a weekend or during university vacation periods do not need to be justified. However, longer absences during the academic semester do require the approval by the local AFEPA representatives and have to be duly justified. This also includes the fourth semester of the programme when the student may not have to take courses anymore but is writing the master's thesis.

16. Any alteration to the present agreement or respective Annexes must be communicated in writing. All alterations to the initial situation must be immediately communicated by the student to

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the coordinating institution and the host universities. Upon mutual agreement of contractual modifications, the coordinating institution issues an *addendum* to the present agreement.

17. Any deliberate failure on the part of the student to fulfil the conditions expected in terms of attendance at the AFEPA European Master, in particular non-fulfilment of the conditions stipulated in the present agreement, constitutes sufficient reason for action to be taken towards resolving the issue and could lead to the exclusion of the student from the AFEPA European Master and the reimbursement of the scholarship awarded.

18. In case of exclusion or withdrawal of the student from the AFEPA European Master, on his/her own decision or force majeure, the student hereby makes a commitment on his/her honour to reimburse the host university the excess funding from the scholarship allocated to him/her, which consists in any funds of the scholarship received in terms of travel contribution and monthly allowances covering the period following the months of the date of exclusion or withdrawal.

19. Upon exclusion or withdrawal, the student shall in due time and before his/her departure pay for all his/her financial obligations, in particular:

- the rent of his/her accommodation,
- the bank fees corresponding to his/her accommodation insurance,
- the bank charges to pay for any of his/her bank accounts and credit cards.

20. The host university shall allocate the student funds to cover the cost of travelling back to his/her country of origin.

21. For the student's information, the EMJMD Grant Agreement (2018-1481/ 001) between the coordinating institution and EACEA which funds the AFEPA programme, imposes upon the coordinating institution, following the exclusion or the withdrawal of a student from the programme:

- to reallocate the remaining funds of the scholarship allocated to that student to another new suitable student;
- to refund the EACEA of the Commission of the European Communities with the remainder of the scholarship allocated to that student if no new applicant is enrolled as a replacement.

22. Without prejudice to the general consequences laid down in national law applicable in the present agreement, the coordinating institution reserves the right to cease the effects of the present agreement, without recourse to any juridical procedure apart from adequate communication to the student. Failing agreement by both parts, the German courts are designated as the only competent authorities to resolve any legal dispute between the coordinating institution and the student emerging from the present agreement. The present agreement is governed by German law.

23. The coordinating institution and the participating universities are exonerated from any responsibility for accidents, illnesses, injuries, losses or damages to persons or goods resulting from or in any way related to the activities that are the object of the present agreement. The student is obliged to accept the necessary insurance related to the activities for the full duration of the study period.

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The signatories declare that they have read and accept the conditions laid down in the present agreement.

First signatory

Second signatory

Prof. Dr. Thomas Heckelei

Name of the student

Place and date: Bonn,

Place and date: