



## **MERIT / ERASMUS-MUNDUS 2008/2009 VISITING PROFESSORS AND RESEARCHERS SCHOLARSHIP CALL**

This is the call for applications to the Erasmus-Mundus visiting professor and researcher scholarships for MERIT (European Master of Research on Information and Communication Technologies, see <http://www.meritmaster.org> )

MERIT is a European 2-year post-graduate programme taught in English at the following top-level institutions:

- Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), Barcelona, Spain
- Universität Karlsruhe (UKA), Karlsruhe, Germany
- Politecnico de Torino (PdT), Torino, Italy
- Université catholique de Louvain (UCL), Louvain, Belgium

These scholarships are addressed for top non-European professors and researchers willing to carry out teaching and research assignments and scholarly work in the MERIT programme in one of the above institutions in the academic year 2008-09 or 2009-2010.

The application deadline is January 21<sup>st</sup> 2008.

This call is subject to the general conditions of the Erasmus Mundus programme. In any disagreement between the contents of these pages and those of the Erasmus Mundus programme, the latter will prevail. Prospective applicants are referred to the following pages:

General Information about the Erasmus Mundus programme:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/mundus/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html)

FAQs about Erasmus Mundus Scholarships:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/mundus/faq/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/mundus/faq/index_en.html)

We would appreciate if you can distribute this information to potential applicants.

The details of the MERIT/Erasmus-Mundus scholarship call follow.

### **FRAMEWORK**

MERIT is a research oriented Master programme within the guidelines of the Bologna process whose scope is *Information and Communication Technologies*. The MERIT partners above have specific funding from the EU Erasmus Mundus programme to set up a scholarship scheme for third-country graduate students and scholars from the whole world.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants should qualify as “third-country nationals”, as defined in the Erasmus Mundus programme, that is nationals coming from all countries other than the 25 EU Member States (Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy,

Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, the UK, Sweden, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia), the EEA-EFTA states (Island, Liechtenstein and Norway) and the candidate countries for accession to the EU (presently Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey), who are not residents of any of the above countries, and who have not carried out their main activities (studies, work, etc.) for more than a total of 12 months over the last five years in any of the above countries.

## APPLICATION-SUBMISSION

Application for MERIT-Erasmus Mundus has to be done in **two** steps:

1. First the personal data and supporting documents have to be sent by email to [merit@tsc.upc.edu](mailto:merit@tsc.upc.edu) . Only PDF, JPG and GIF formats will be allowed.
2. Once step (1) is complete, the paper originals of academic certificates, recommendation letters, etc. have to be sent to the MERIT admissions office for validation.

Application should include:

1. Personal data (name, email, postal address, phone/fax number, academic institution of the highest degree obtained, name of highest university degree obtained).
2. Topics of interest:
  - Communications services and systems (Network Management, Mobile Comm., Comm. for Monitoring & Control...)
  - Signal Processing (SP for Comm., Speech and Audio Processing, Image and Video Processing, Multichannel Processing...)
  - High Frequency Devices and Systems (Antennas, Microwaves, Radar, Remote Sensing, Wave Propagation...).
  - Photonics (Optical fibre comm. & related technologies, lasers, photo receivers, radar laser...)
3. Order of preference of the 4 MERIT institutions.
4. CV file.
5. Degree and Ph.D. certificate of the university
6. Academic position certificate.
7. Motivation letter, in which the applicant explains the reasons to carry out teaching and research assignments and scholarly work in the MERIT programme.
8. A letter from the applicant institution stating that the applicant is allowed to apply to the Erasmus Mundus visiting professors and researchers scholarships. It must also be stated that the applicant will have the formal authorization from the applicant institution in the case that the scholarship is awarded.

and optionally

9. English degrees held / English exams passed.
10. Recommendation letters not coming from faculty belonging to MERIT institutions.
11. Recommendation letters from faculty belonging to MERIT institutions.

Your application will **not** be valid unless you send the paper originals of the electronic documents mentioned in points 5-6 to the MERIT admissions office.

Electronic versions of the optional documents listed in points 10 and 11 will **not** be considered unless you send the paper originals to the MERIT admissions office. Please note that recommendation letters should be sent separately by the person making the recommendation. Alternatively, the letters can be included with the other paper documents provided that they are in a closed envelope bearing the signature of the person making the recommendation.

Your optional information entered in point 9 will **not** be considered unless you send supporting documents to the MERIT admissions office.

Applications should be sent to:

Step 1: By e-mail:

Mrs. Nazaret Fresno  
merit@tsc.upc.edu

Step 2: By courier or mail:

MERIT Admissions office  
Secretaria de Doctorat TSC  
Campus Nord UPC, D4  
c/ Jordi Girona 1  
Barcelona 08034  
Spain

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Scholars will be selected on the basis of their CVs, study and academic merits, motivation, recommendations, language skills (English), etc.

## **DURATION AND AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarships will be awarded for three months. The scholar will receive 3 monthly grants of 4,000 Euro and a fixed amount of 1,000 Euro for fees, travel expenses, relocation costs, etc. for a total of 13,000 Euro. It must be pointed out that a travel insurance must be contracted by the applicant at its own expense since scholarships do not include provision for any kind of insurance.

## **CALENDAR**

Application deadline: Electronic submission (e-mail) January 21st 2008.

Supporting documentation: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008 (delivery date at UPC)

MERIT studies: Academic year 2008-09 or 2009-2010

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