Erasmus Mundus Action 2 Lot 6 for the Western Balkans

Project SIGMA
FULLY FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

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Online application deadline: February 1st, 2013
Erasmus Mundus
an European Commission Programme
that aims at:

• **Mutual enrichment of societies** by developing qualifications and skills, particularly as regards to the labour market;

• **Promotion of mobility** for students, researchers, academic and administrative staff, including vulnerable groups;

• Contribution towards **the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity** of HEI’s in the participating countries

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu
Who is eligible?

**Target group 1**
Nationals of one of the WB or EU countries registered at one of the partner universities. Applies to: undergraduate, master, doctoral students, post doctorate, academic and administrative staff

**Target group 2**
Nationals of one of the WB countries registered at a higher education institution not included in the consortium, or having graduated from any higher education institution in the WB

**Target group 3**
Nationals of one of the WB countries in particularly vulnerable situations, e.g. for political or social reasons
TG 3 Definition by the EC:

Nationals of the third-countries concerned by the geographical lot who are in particularly vulnerable situations, for example for social and political reasons. For example:

1) Having a refugee status or asylum beneficiaries (international or according to the national legislation of one of the European recipient countries) or

2) It can be proved that they have been the object of unjustified expulsion from university on e.g. racial, ethnic, religious, political, or gender grounds

3) They belong to an indigenous population targeted by a specific national policy or IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons).
Who can apply in the WB?:

- Nationals of one of the WB countries, belonging to one of the target groups

- TG 1 and TG 2 students and post docs: cannot have spent more than 12 months in one of the EU countries in the past 5 years (doesn’t refer to staff and TG 3)

- Applicants who have already received an Erasmus Mundus scholarship at the same mobility level are not eligible, except for staff

- At least 1 year of studies must be completed
Project SIGMA

Critical Skills Learning for Innovation, Sustainable Growth, Mobility and Employ Ability in the Multicultural Environment of the Western Balkans
SIGMA Partners

University of Warsaw, Poland – Coordinating University

WB Partners:
Shkodra University, Albania
University of Belgrade, Serbia
University of Business and Technology, Kosovo*
University of Montenegro, Montenegro
University of Nis, Serbia
University of Novi Sad, Serbia
University of Prishtina, Kosovo*
University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bitola, FYR of Macedonia
University of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

*as defined under UNSCR 1244/99
SIGMA Partners

EU Partners:
City University London, UK
Freie University, Berlin, Germany
Lund University, Sweden
University of Milan, Italy
University of Montpellier 2, France
University of Salzburg, Austria
University of Twente, The Netherlands
Wrocław University of Technology, Poland

Associates:
Albanian Center for Economic Research
Foundation “Cultures of the World”, Poland
National Co-operative Council, Poland
Project SIGMA: Fully Funded Scholarships

- Travel costs
- Insurance
- Exemption from the tuition fee or tuition fee coverage
- Monthly allowance to cover living expenses:

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<td>1800 EUR</td>
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<td>Staff</td>
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SIGMA: Duration of Mobility Flows

UG: 6-10 months
Masters: 6-10 months
Doctorates: 6-20 months (8 scholarships for 20 months)
Post-Doc’s: 6 months
Staff: 1 month

- A few full degree Master and PhD scholarships will be granted for 22 months and 34 months respectively
### SIGMA: Planned Mobility Flows

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<td>UG</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>81</td>
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<td>Masters</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>Doctorates</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>37</td>
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<td>Post-Doc’s</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>30</td>
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<td><strong>208</strong></td>
<td><strong>53</strong></td>
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SIGMA: Mobility Flows from the WB to the EU by TG’s

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<td>Staff</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>178</td>
<td>12</td>
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(4.6%) (6.9%)

2 per country 3 per country
Project SIGMA: required documents

- Copy of a passport/ another ID
- Proof of registration
- Transcript of records/ Bachelor/ Master diploma or information on the programme and the date of expected graduation
- Language certificate – according to the receiving institution’s requirements
- Proposed Learning Agreement/ Work Plan
- CV
- Motivation Statement
- Recommendation letter – obligatory for PhD, Post Doc’s, Staff - can be issued by the home institution
- Proof of belonging to TG 3 – if relevant

Optional documents: honours, awards, internship/work certificates, recommendation letters, proof of disability - if relevant
Project SIGMA: How to apply

• Read the instructions on the project website: www.sigma.uw.edu.pl

• Make sure you are eligible and decide which target group you belong to

• Check the offers and decide which EU university you will be applying to
  – you have 2 choices

• Make sure that you fulfill language and other requirements of the chosen university

• Collect the required documents, write motivation statement
Project SIGMA: How to apply (2)

1. Create an account
2. Fill out the application form
3. Upload the required documents
4. Submit the application - make sure that you have received a confirmation by e-mail
Project SIGMA: Selection Criteria

- Academic Merits and other achievements
- Motivation
- LA/ Work Plan
- Language competency
- For higher level applicants (PostDoc’s and Staff): established cooperation or intention to establish cooperation
Project SIGMA: After you apply

• TG 1 applications are validated by the home university

• Applications are assessed by the receiving departments, and then, each university prepares ranking lists

• Project SIGMA Selection Committee selects approx. 260 scholarship holders, striving at a balance

• Nominations are sent by e-mail in April/May 2013

• Additional documents may be requested by the receiving universities
Apply online!
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GOOD LUCK!

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