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ERASMUS MUNDUS EXTERNAL COOPERATION WINDOW LOT 15

Study or Work in Europe – Hundreds of Scholarships Available for Indian Nationals

The *Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window Lot 15 (EMECW15)* offers 301 scholarships available to Indian nationals wishing to participate in an institutional mobility scheme funded by the European Commission. Candidates will have the opportunity to study, teach or work in one of twelve prestigious European Universities who participate in the programme. The duration of the scholarship (from 1 to 34 months) varies according to the type of position applied for.

All costs are covered: Through EMECW15, successful applicants (undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and post-doctoral students and academic staff) will be awarded a scholarship which will cover travel, insurance, possible tuition, living expenses and housing. The deadline for online applications is December 15th 2008. Applications must be submitted through <http://www.erasmuswindow15.org>.

The *Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window Lot 15 (EMECW15)* for India is designed to fund higher education student and teaching staff mobility activities between 12 European universities and 8 Indian universities. Also eligible for scholarship are other Indian nationals. The EMECW15 scheme is part of the EMECW, a project funded by the European Union to increase cooperation and exchange between Europe and other parts of the world.

Project Objectives: the project aims at better understanding between European Union and India, as well as mutual enrichment. The universities in this consortium will strive to achieve this goal. The cooperation instrument is guided by the DCI regulations, the Development Millennium Goals, and regional needs expressed by the Government of India. The objectives include a mission to create a partnership for research and development that will strengthen ties between India and the EU. Topics that will be included in the education and research collaboration are agriculture, food processing, climate change, energy, environment, ICT, biotechnology and nanotechnology. particular stress has been given to these subjects because of the inequalities in India's development and the pressing needs to address issues such as malnutrition, health, medicine, urban and rural livelihood and so on. These all reflect the regional needs of India. It is with this background in mind that the consortium was formed and its members selected. The aim is to strengthen academic cooperation between India and Europe at the academic level, and eventually in areas such as trade, politics, and international organisations.

For more information about the EMECW15 and how to apply, please visit <http://www.erasmuswindow15.org>.

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