



European Society for Marine Biotechnology Research placements scheme



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Erasmus enables higher education students in 31 European countries to study for part of their degree in another EU country.



Students opportunities

- Study placement : 3-6 months abroad, research project (lab and/or field) – University based
- Work placement : 3-9 months abroad, research project (lab and/or field) – Research Institute, NPO, Company based
- Anywhere in EU + EU overseas territories



Student mobility

- Ideal for Master projects and PhDs.
- Each students receive a grant from his/her university
- improve language skills & CV
- gives you excellent first-hand experience of the working and professional world.
- help to stand out in the job market.



Examples of projects available for 2015-2016

- Mussel-inspired active surfaces and interfaces based on catechol and polyphenol systems – Spain
- Biochemical indicators of product and process quality in marine resources utilization – Italy
- Polymeric Diatom Replica as a Next Generation Drug Delivery System – Ireland
- Characterisation of psychrophilic enzyme from a marine environment - Unilever
- Assessment of the dependence of divalent cations for the release of antifouling medetomidine from marine paint coatings – Sweden
- Bioactive compounds from marine organisms – France

See <http://www.esmb.org/research-placements.html> for the comprehensive list of projects

Important steps and deadline for application

● Hosts

- Send project offer(s) before September
 - Title
 - Duration
 - Short description
 - Pre-requisite
- Participation to the selection of students (October-November)

Important steps and deadline for application/selection

- **Students**
 - Declaration of interest – September/October
 - Cover letter
 - Skype Interview with ESMB
 - Skype interview with the host
 - Application for Erasmus grant in November

Top 10 Reasons to Take part

- **Stand out in the job market – a great addition to your CV**
- **Return more motivated, independent and confident**
- **Get a grant**
- **It counts towards your degree**
- **Learn a range of life-skills not taught in the lecture theatre**
- **Access a wider range of subject areas than in the UK**
- **Improve your language skills**
- **Gain an international network of friends and future collaborator**
- **Discover a different culture and gain an international perspective**
- **It's really good fun!**



Some facts....



- Study abroad can significantly boost the chances of success in later life

- A review of international student mobility (commissioned by HEFCE and the British Council) shows that study abroad can significantly boost the chances of a student's success in later life, and bring benefits to the knowledge economy.

- Eurobarometer on graduate employability: Employers value teamwork, adaptability, communication and language skills

- A Europe-wide survey among employers shows that, when it comes to graduate recruitment, 'soft' skills are just as valued as sector-specific and computer skills.
- Significant numbers of employers questioned said that the ability to work well in a team (98%), to adapt to new situations (97%), communication skills (96%), and knowledge of foreign languages (67%) were important when recruiting for their companies.
- Almost 50% of companies with considerable international business identified knowledge of foreign languages as the most important skill for the future.