



# MUSLIM SCHOLARSHIP ENTHUSIASTS WHATSAPP GROUP (MSEWG)

## LECTURE TRANSCRIPT: MSEWG ERASMUS MUNDUS SCHOLARSHIP, DECEMBER 2021

Sunday, 12th December 2021; 20:30 WAT

LECTURER: SCHOLAR ABDUR RAFIU OYELAKIN

MODERATORS: SCHOLAR BALOGUN ISA

### LECTURE AGENDA:

Assalamu alaykum warohmatuLlah wabarokatuh respected brothers and sisters.

1 Proposed Date: 31 Today

Proposed lecture: Erasmus Mundus Scholarship

Proposed lecturer: Scholar Abdur Rafiu Oyelakin

Proposed time: 20:30 WAT

Moderator: Scholar Balogun Isa

BarokaLohu feekum wa feenah.

Best regards,

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### MODERATOR BALOGUN ISA:

Asalam aleikum waramotullahi wabarakatuh great scholars. I welcome you all to tonight's lecture on  
\*ERASMUS MUNDUS SCHOLARSHIP \*

### LECTURE FORMAT

Brief introduction of the lecturer

Lecture by Scholar Abdul Rafiu Oyelakin

Question & Answer

Here's a brief profile of our lecturer today

Scholar Abdul Rafiu Oyelakin

BRIEF PROFILE OF SCHOLAR ABDUL RAFIU OYELAKIN

B.Eng in Civil Engineering (FUTMINNA) - First Class Honours

Secondary Education (Epitome Academy, Odeomu)

#### **VOLUNTEERING:**

Treasurer at NICESA

DSP at NUESA

Sen. at Students Union Government.

Undergraduate Tutor (2014 - 2019)

Chairman NICESA ELCOM committee (2019)

Secretary Constitution Review Committee (2017),

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

He is a member of professional bodies such as (ASCE, NSE, NICE, HEPEX).

#### **Awards**

Best graduating student at epitome academy, 2010 🎓.

Study In India Initiative at Jain University to pursue master in Civil Engineering.

Erasmus Mundus Scholarships in Flood Risk Management.

#### **HOBBY:**

Travelling 😊,

#### **RESEARCH INTEREST**

Computational flood modelling, Disaster Risk Reduction and Assessment, Water Governance and policy, Decision support system and Climate changes.

Please let's take our notebook and pen

### **SCHOLAR ABDUR RAFIU OYELAKIN:**

The Erasmus+ Mundus Scholarship (EMS) is a European Union-funded program for some selected or specialized master program called Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree; EMJMD) mostly across European countries and country like UK and Turkey. These programs seek to address pressing issue in science, social science, commerce, and art.

Pro of the program

1. Study at least two countries
2. Full funded that is a stipend and traveling allowance (1,000 euro every month (#640,000) and 3,000 euro every year (#1.92million) for two year
3. Internship opportunities
4. Opportunity to travel to travel to 44 European country

5. No compulsory to return to your country

Con: No cons

Requirement

1 statement of purpose

2 reference letters

3 transcripts

4 international passports

5 some programme may require application fee, TOEFL.

Application window open September/October every years... [https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/emjmd-catalogue\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/emjmd-catalogue_en)

the link above is the link to EMJMD catalogue, for you to select 3- program that is align to your background

Apply base on the requirement of individual program as each program has distinct requirement, go to each program website read about their them and ensure is very align with academic background and experience.

Caution ⚠ ⚠ ⚠

Do not apply to more 3 programs in an application session

I am sure we had a lot about required document for scholarship application such as sop, reference and will briefly highlight common mistake to avoid in sop and LOR

Ensure your SOP has some the point below,

- What inspired/ arrest your interest to the course
- why the programme
- What academic/research/technical/work experience that qualify you for the programme
- Relevance of the experience to the desire program
- Your long-term goal, relevance of the course in addressing issue related SDG agenda
- Remarkable conclusion
- please do not just write, articulate, convince, and compel reader by carefully selection of word ( I don't mean big big grammar)
- make you content coherent
- please do inform reader about your social, volunteer, extracurricular activities not just book alone.

I found this chart helpful, I decided to share




so also, this one

**DOs:**

- Identify yourself. Think about why you are applying for Erasmus Mundus;
- Explain why the Programme you've chosen is the right one for you;
- State what qualities you bring to the Program
- Demonstrate the link between your background and the Programme;
- Emphasize your strong points, your previous experience in education, interpersonal skills;
- Support your statements with facts and experiences
- Finish your motivation letter on a strong and positive note;
- Do a spell and grammar check

**DONTs**

- Don't let your motivation letter just "echo" your CV;
- Don't be too lengthy. Generally one page is sufficient;
- Don't use complex language constructions or flowery phrases. Plain English is the key!



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The followings are also key mistake to avoid when it letters of recommendation

LOR is sometime difficult especially when you want to submit several applications,

- Not validating your candidature with examples
- Missing out on your areas of improvement
- Using a Cold Dry Tone While Writing the LOR



- Information To the Recommender
- Recommender's Contact Details
- Excessive Praising

Please also poor recommendation can actually reduce your chance, in my program LOR is about 15% of the evaluation.

- Be selective when selecting lecturer for LOR and notify them early (enough time).
- To further address the issue peculiar to Erasmus application we joint published handbook, please find the link to the drive as we elaborate extensively on other issues.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NLcA-bbrTzYlnk-ZzliBw1cdQQWTwjNn/view?fbclid=IwAR3N1Ea10EVVys4tQ0fpHW2u\\_zLghB1VnVf9vzUPC-I0LbLpsw2\\_cf\\_QF64](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NLcA-bbrTzYlnk-ZzliBw1cdQQWTwjNn/view?fbclid=IwAR3N1Ea10EVVys4tQ0fpHW2u_zLghB1VnVf9vzUPC-I0LbLpsw2_cf_QF64)

- Avoid any how template for CV the most recommend template is EUROPASS
- this is a brief overview of the EMJD.
- Another thing to note is the issue of partner country and programme country. Nigeria is a partner country.

We can go on and on but I will suggest we open the floor for question.

## MODERATOR BALOGUN ISA: TIME FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWER

### QUESTION 1:

If TOEFL score is the only criteria one didn't meet for a particular Erasmus program. Would you advise that the person go ahead with application or not sir?

### ANSWER 1:

My answer is two in way, if you have more than 3 other programs related to you field that do not require TOEFL could be nice you go for them. Second answer, if your list of related program is limited you make it 3rd and risk it, no harm in trying, also if you have the money consider taking it or write coordinator for details

### QUESTION 2:

What difference or importance is it that we are partner countries?

### ANSWER 2:

Partner country address country that can participate but they are not part of sponsor or funding country. the importance is that candidates from the country can participate even when the government of the country has not invested a kobo

### QUESTION 3:

Proof of residence, how do we get that?

### ANSWER 3:

you can obtain this from federal high court, more of attestation of residence.

#### QUESTION 4:

Is unofficial report of Toefl enough or we send from ETS?

#### ANSWER 4:

In my opinion I think official will be the best.

#### QUESTION 5:

You were talking about percentages, Is there rubric for selection?

#### ANSWER 5:

yes but individual program has their own, e.g. such as maximum of 4 awardee from the same country in a particular program, continent quotas, that is no. of awardee that can come from a continent, also male to female ratio

#### MODERATOR BALOGUN ISA:

Any additional questions before we round up the lecture.

In the absence of any other question. We will be rounding off the lecture on \* ERASMUS MUNDUS SCHOLARSHIPS \*

Special thanks to our lecturer. On behalf of the entire member of this group, I say \*Jazakumullahu khairan \* for this wonderful lecture despite your busy schedule.

Asalam aleikum waramotullahi wabarakatuh

*Abdullateef Ogundipe  
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