

AMB Selection Meeting on 19-20/03/2026

Friday March 19-20, 2026 (remote)

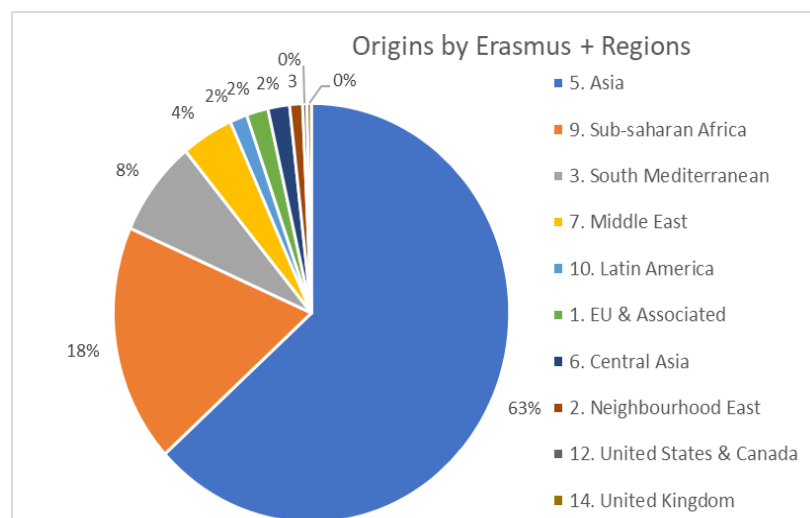
Participants:

- Matthieu Roussey (UEF), jury member
- Nathalie Destouches (UJM), jury member
- Amine Nait-Ali (UPEC), jury member
- Augustas Vaitkevicius (VU), jury member
- Elena Vlachopanagiotis (UJM), AMB member
- Maëlle Cornier (UJM), invited member (intern on support of the administrative coordinator)

1/ Data on the population of candidates for the 2026-2028 cohort

Countries	Total
Pakistan	78
Bangladesh	70
Nigeria	24
Ethiopia	22
India	12
Iran	10
Egypt	9
Nepal	5
Afghanistan	3
Ghana	3
Jordan	3
Morocco	3
Sudan	3
Syria	3
Algeria	2
Azerbaijan	2
Brazil	2
Cameroon	2
Turkey	2
Vietnam	2
Yemen	2
Other Nationalities	21

This year we received 283 applications, up from 217 valid applications at the 2025 deadline for EMJM scholarship applications (251 in total at the end of April), among which we count 21,5% of women (against 16% last year). Still a lot of applications from Pakistan and Bangladesh. Applications from Pakistan and Iran increased.



2/ Selection process and criteria

EMJM Scholarship rules and strategy definition

17 EMJM scholarships are available.

Targeted regional scholarships: based on those already delivered during the 2 last years and on the nationalities of selected students, the following numbers of scholarships could be delivered this year in addition to the EMJM scholarships. 1 for Region 10, 1 for Region 3, and 1 for Region 6.

For the 2 next cohorts, and provided that the 3 upper mentioned targeted scholarships are delivered this year, the following targeted regional scholarships will remain available:

1 for Region 10 except for the following countries: Peru, Mexico, Brazil

3 for Region 9 except for the following countries: Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Africa

2 for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro

Motivation video

Applicants are required to submit a motivation video, which proved to be an effective way to assess both their motivation and communication skills. **The recommendation on this matter will be changed to explicitly state on the application website that reading from a text is not recommended.**

Action: amend application instructions

Changes in the rules for assigning the concentration tracks

So far, applicants were asked to rank the 3 concentrations based on their preferences and the jury always attributed to a selected student his/her first choice, which was fixed at the time of the student commitment to join the programme.

The applicants will be now asked to give only one preferred concentration. This choice will not affect the applicant rank during the selection process, since no minimum number of students per concentration will be set in advance.

Students will be authorized to change their concentration choice once, after the end of semester 1, provided that all the following requirements are met:

1. A student who requests a change in concentration after semester 1 must have a grade at least equal to the cohort average in the 2 following teaching units:
 - To go to UPEC: Digital Image Processing and analysis and Algorithmic and programming (Python)
 - To go to UJM: Algorithmic and programming (Python) and Physical and Fourier optics
 - To go to VU: Optical Engineering and Physical and Fourier optics
2. The number of students in any concentration shall not fall below its initial size if that size is less than one-third of the total cohort. If the initial size exceeds one-third of the cohort, the number of students in that concentration shall not fall below one-third of the total cohort.
3. In case the number of changes is limited by requirement #2, then only students with the best ranking at the end of semester 1 will be allowed to change their concentration for semester 3.

These changes will be effective after validation of the updated student and partnership agreements.

Action 1: update the student and partnership agreement and have the updated version of the partnership agreement signed before July.

Action 2: update the application website and the application instructions on the website



3/ Selection Results

Each case was reviewed individually.

Given the current war situation in Iran, with ongoing internet disruptions, two candidates did not participate in the interview. The jury decided to maintain them in the main ranking keeping their average on file evaluation grade

11 applicants were rejected after interview stage.

The final ranking of all candidates is organized as follows:

- A main list with 20 students who received an average grade larger than 3.925 are granted an EMJM scholarship with 0 € tuition fees.
- A reserve list with 12 students who received an average grade larger than 3.575 and who will be awarded 0 € tuition fees and will be eligible to receive an EMJM scholarship in case of a withdrawal on the main list and provided that the rules based on nationality are fulfilled.
- A self-funded list with 1 student who had already received an EMJM scholarship and who cannot be ranked in the main list for this reason.

Actions: Lists to be signed by AMB + UJM Dean. Results sent to students individually. Website updated with the results and AMB meeting minutes

4/ COIL Project

A working document is shared to define equipment and research topics available at UPEC, VU, UJM and UEF. Students at UEF in semester 2 can also initiate the project.

Action: Complete the working document for further discussions, propose topics for projects and organize a discussion to finalize the project objectives and organization before June.

5/ Consortium scholarship for M1 and M2 students

The AMB agrees to create consortium scholarships from the EACEA institutional contribution for the best self-funded students who are not granted the MANUTECH SLEIGHT scholarship.

Amount:

750 € per month for 5 consecutive months starting at the end of September for semester 1 and 2 and at the end of February for semester 2.

Financial Terms

The UJM, as program coordinator, is responsible for disbursing the scholarships to eligible students using program funds.

Self-funded students identified by the 2026 cohort selection committee will receive a monthly scholarship starting September 1, 2026, for 5 months. The continuation of this scholarship during semesters 2 and 3 will be contingent upon compliance with the criteria defined below.



The awarding and payment of the scholarship do not preclude the possibility for eligible students to receive other forms of funding, such as study or mobility grants, and internship stipends, subject to the conditions set by these programs and their funding bodies.

Candidate Selection Procedures

In order to continue complying with European guidelines, these scholarships will be awarded to the top-performing students, without discrimination based on nationality, religion, or gender.

The following students will be eligible:

- For Semester 1, students ranked by the selection committee higher than the last student on the main or reserve list who is receiving an EMJM scholarship at the start of the academic year, but who are not eligible for an EMJM scholarship according to the criteria established by the EACEA.
- For semesters 2 and 3, self-funded students who have earned at least 30 ECTS credits with an overall grade point average of at least a B at the end of the previous semester (early January for semester 1 and late May for semester 2).
- These rules imply that receiving a scholarship during semesters 1 or 2 does not automatically guarantee a scholarship for the following semester.
- Consortium scholarships cannot be combined with the MANUTECH SLEIGHT scholarship during semesters 1 and 3.

Applications will be reviewed by the academic coordinators of the four European universities.

Action: Draft a document for approval by UJM. (Academic coordinator)

6/ Increasing the number of self-funded students

The iPSRS EMJM is visible on the platform “Etude en France”, but the students cannot apply directly on this platform because if it was allowed, then Campus France would not allow any students from the 42 countries related to Etude en France to apply by any other means to the programme, i.e. to apply through the dedicated application website of iPSRS.

Next year, the programme will be added to the platform “Mon master” to allow European students or non-European students who already study in Europe to apply as self-funded students.

6/ Rules for positive decision after an appeal

Regarding appeals, cases may be reconsidered in situations of significant discrepancies between grades assigned by the three partner universities or in the case of a late submission of a recommendation letter. Fully rejected candidates (grade 0) will not be eligible to reapply. Appeals may be reviewed by the QAB provided that the candidate has obtained a minimum score of 3/5. The student nationality must be taken into account when the number of applications from the same country exceeds 10. The application file must be compared to the best ones from the same country.



Students who appeal retain the possibility to be accepted as self-funded candidates after positive evaluation by the QAB and re-evaluation by the AMB.

Actions: Submit proposal to the QAB

7/ Update of the Partnership agreement

To be reviewed in relation to the two-level partnership structure, the changes made for the consortium scholarships, the concentration selection, and the other mistakes identified.

Actions: Signature planned before June

8/ Dates and Agenda for teaching staff meeting in June

The meeting will start by a presentation of the new application website by Amine.

The QAB has requested that teaching staff from each institution provides a written evaluation of the cohort; the results will be discussed during the teaching staff meeting.

Action: The administrative local coordinators will inform the teaching staff of the date and time slot of the next meeting

The next teaching staff meeting is scheduled on **June 11, at 09:00-11:00 CET.**

9/ New application submission website

Finally, a new application platform was presented, which is more user-friendly and intuitive.

The administrative coordinator will make a list of all necessary documents for application files to appear as complete on the platform, and send to platform coordinator UPEC.

It was decided that the evaluation of each evaluator would not be visible to the other evaluators.

Candidates should receive a notification when their referee submit their LOR and maybe a reminder before deadline.

Due to time constraint, the Board could not discuss the following points to be discussed next week:

- the partnership agreement**
- the new website**
- the KPIs**
- next EAB meeting**



AMB Meeting of 26/03/2026 (online)

Friday March 26, 2026 (remote)

Participants:

- Nathalie Destouches (UJM)
- Matthieu Roussey (UEF)
- Amine Nait-Ali (UPEC)
- Elena Vlastopanagiotis (UJM)
- Maëlle Cornier (UJM)

Excused:

- Augustas Vaitkevičius (VU)

1. Consortium Scholarship

A specific provision is introduced for rare cases:

Self-funded students ranked **within the top 50% of the main list** during the evaluation and selection Committee, but who could not initially be awarded a scholarship, may be eligible for financial support from the beginning of the programme. At the end of Semester 1, these students will revert to the general scholarship rules applicable to the full cohort.

The proposal for a consortium scholarship will be reviewed by the UJM Faculty Council (April) before approval by the concerned boards.

2. External Advisory Board (EAB)

A summary document for the EAB will present the programme collaboration with partners, newly established partnerships, actions undertaken to strengthen these relationships, and levels of engagement (including sponsorship and funding contributions).

3. Introducing Sponsoring Partners

Sponsoring partners may benefit from dedicated communication visibility, priority access to programme events, and privileged access to a pool of high-performing students.

The AMB agreed to set a **minimum annual contribution** (indicatively €10k).



A structured Partnership Agreement was drafted and will be shared to the consortium. Academic leads should initiate contacts with potential sponsors.

Funding mechanisms

In France, contributions will be channelled through the UJM Foundation, with **tax incentives** (up to 60%) for French entities. The Foundation already holds a dedicated account for iPSRS. Equivalent mechanisms at European level remain to be investigated.

Engagement Strategies

The programme will build and maintain a **targeted list of potential sponsors**. It will leverage existing networks, including academic and industrial partners, the alumni community, and equipment suppliers. A pooled funding model will be prioritised in order to ensure fairness and long-term sustainability.

Communication and Outreach to Attract Sponsors

The programme will develop engaging communication materials, including testimonials based on selected student profiles and short video formats involving alumni. Outreach efforts will be coordinated in collaboration with the Foundation. In addition, the launch of a social media fundraising campaign is currently under consideration.

Hereinafter, on page 8, the full list of anonymized applicants with their ranking, accepted or rejected status, scholarship status and concentration



Rank	Application id	Rejected	Track	Scholarship
1	11545	Main list	UJM	EMJM
2	11565	Main list	UJM	EMJM
3	11395	Main list	UJM	EMJM
4	10716	Self-funded	UPEC	
5	11677	Main List	UPEC	EMJM
6	11859	Main List	UJM	EMJM
7	11728	Main List	UJM	EMJM
8	10979	Main List	UJM	EMJM
9	11556	Main List	UPEC	EMJM
10	10627	Main List	VU	EMJM
11	11275	Main List	UPEC	EMJM
12	11552	Main List	UJM	EMJM
13	11761	Main List	UPEC	EMJM
14	11607	Main List	UJM	EMJM
15	11536	Main List	UPEC	EMJM
16	10975	Main List	UJM	EMJM
17	11063	Main List	VU	EMJM
18	11303	Main List	UJM	EMJM
19	10912	Main List	UJM	EMJM
20	11618	Main List	UPEC	EMJM
21	11742	Main List	UJM	EMJM
22	11430	Reserve list	UPEC	
23	10637	Reserve list	UPEC	
24	11113	Reserve list	VU	
25	11623	Reserve list	VU	
26	11609	Reserve list	UPEC	
27	11521	Reserve list	UJM	
28	11480	Reserve list	UPEC	
29	11121	Reserve list	VU	
30	11119	Reserve list	UJM	
31	11560	Reserve list	UJM	
32	10735	Reserve list	UPEC	
33	11758	Self funded	VU	
34	11448	Rejected		
35	11729	Rejected		

36	10656	Rejected
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64	11707	Rejected
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SIGNATURES OF THE iPSRS SELECTION COMMITTEE

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Date: 26/03/2026

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