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# The DREAM ACP Project

## Dynamizing Research and Education for All through Mobility in ACP

The DREAM Project aims to strengthen cooperation between universities and regions, by enabling students and staff from EU and ACP regions access to postgraduate and staff exchange mobilities. To achieve this, the DREAM project brings together 49 institutions – 8 European Universities and 12 ACP Countries' Higher Education Institutions – along with a group of 29 Associates within the framework of the Erasmus Mundus, Action 2 – STRAND 1, Lot 18, ACP Countries.

DREAM is coordinated by the Universidade do Porto, with the University of the West Indies as a co-coordinator, and is carried out under the supervision of the Directorate General EuropeAid (DG Aidco).

### In particular, the DREAM Project aspires to:

- **Strengthen institutional cooperation** by allowing a better knowledge of the partners and countries' different higher education systems and also creating new partnership prospects;

- **Empower partner and associate ACP Higher Education Institutions**, training and motivating them to become drivers of knowledge transfer in their country/region by enhancing their teaching capacity and quality through the transfer of academic best practices from EU and ACP institutions
- **Develop ACP higher education through the capacity building** of partner/associates' human resources in new thematic fields not covered by their syllabus. These new fields will contribute to the Higher Education Institutions' development and will also offer new training aspirations to students and staff

To fulfill these objectives, the DREAM Project will award a proposed 190 mobilities for postgraduate study and staff development, to be awarded in two cohorts. The duration of the mobility flows may vary from 1 month (staff mobility) to 36 months (full PhD) in key thematic areas of study.

**All the information and official documents are available online through the project's official website: <http://dream.up.pt>**



## FROM THE DESK OF The Project Coordinator

79 countries in 3 continents form the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific group of states, normally known as ACP. Geographically far from each other and diverse in their cultures, these countries have a common purpose, also shared by the European Union – the mutual understanding among peoples and the right to a dignified life. This purpose has won a new breath when, in July 2000, the ACP and EU countries established a cooperation agreement at Cotonou for the development and, soon after, Europe has created the Erasmus Mundus programme for the cooperation in Higher Education between Europe and third countries.

Erasmus Mundus is one of the EU programmes which has allowed the cooperation between universities from the ACP and EU countries within the framework of the Higher Education and Science. This is the same programme which finances ANGLE and DREAM projects in

which Bárbara, Sharan, Poonam, Diogo, Bakoli, Yvon, Sara, Anne-Laure, Begoña and so many others have been dedicating their intelligence, sensitivity and enthusiasm for several years now, committed to diminishing the distance between Port of Spain and Dili, between Lille and Yaoundé, between Madrid and Antananarivo, between Porto and the Fiji Islands, between ours and other sides of the World. In this way, they contribute to reach a goal which, despite the fact it is not completed yet, is becoming a reality and they also give a very important support in reinforcing the hope of the many millions of people who, in the remote regions of the world, do not give up their future.

A warm and friendly hug to all.

**ANTÓNIO MARQUES**  
DREAM Project Coordinator

## MESSAGE FROM the Co-coordinator

As co-coordinator of the DREAM project, The UWI is enthused to see the significant momentum which has already been generated from the announcement of our first cohort of awards. We had many strong applications to consider and the selection process was indeed challenging. Together our consortium of universities has made real impact in diminishing the long distances between Africa, the Caribbean, the Pacific and Europe via our cooperation in human and social development.

Our first cohort of Scholars have already begun criss-crossing the world and soon the majority of them will start their academic programmes in Europe. These student and staff scholars will develop their individual knowledge,

experiences and perspectives in very unique circumstances but it is all of us collectively that will benefit from the results of their mobilities. With a new call for applications already open, even more opportunities for personal and professional development are being made to the millions of persons in the ACP region so we encourage you to spread the word widely and loudly so that our partnership can continue to positively impact upon the competitive future of our ACP countries and regions.

**SHARAN C. SINGH**  
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# DREAM KICK-OFF MEETING

The Kick-off Meeting for the DREAM Project took place at the University of Porto, from November 19th to 21st, 2013. The meeting brought together representatives of 18 partner and 10 associate institutions to discuss and map out all salient aspects of the DREAM project, including mobility organization and overall administration.

The DREAM project builds on the strengths of partners who have previous extensive experience in Erasmus Mundus projects. The Kick-Off Meeting therefore presented a solid opportunity for members to build on existing partnerships and forge links with new partners.



## THE FIRST COHORT

The first call for applications to the DREAM Project took place from September 2013 to January 2014. For this call, **100 awardees** were selected to form the first cohort:

- 25 will be pursuing PhD studies; and
- 9 will be pursuing Master's studies
- 66 will be pursuing Master's studies

Awardees represent 37 countries across the EU and ACP regions, including:

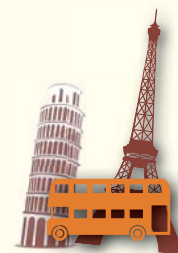
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Mozambique  
Nigeria  
Portugal  
Sao Tome and Principe

Senegal  
Solomon Islands  
Somalia  
Spain  
Timor Leste  
Togo  
Trinidad and Tobago  
UK  
United Republic of Tanzania  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe



## THE 2ND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS IS OPEN NOW!



Scholarships are available for both ACP and EU candidates.

### ACP CANDIDATES

Activities to be developed in a European Partner University

- **Master's awards are available in 2 types:**  
*Full Master's* – 24 months or 2 academic years' duration  
*Master's Mobility* – 10 month or 1 academic year  
Master's scholars receive a monthly stipend of 1.000 €.
- **Doctorate awards:**  
*PhD Mobility* – 10 months or 1 academic year.  
PhD scholars receive a monthly stipend of 1.500 €
- **Academic and Administrative Staff**  
Total duration – 1 month  
Staff scholars receive a single stipend of 2.500 €.

### EU CANDIDATES

Activities to be developed at an ACP Partner University

- **Academic and Administrative Staff**  
Total duration – 1 month  
Staff scholars receive a single stipend of 2.500 €.

### ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Every selected applicant also benefits from a two-way flight ticket and full health, accident and travel insurance for the duration of the mobility.
- Students are not required to pay any tuition or other fees at the host university, since participation costs are covered by the project.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

### Target Group I

- Candidates who are enrolled or have a formal link with a partner University at the time of application.

In both cases candidates must have a formal support from the institution (support letter) in order to submit the application.

### Target Group II

- Candidates that are not enrolled or have a formal link with a partner University. This can be applicants who are registered at another institution of the ACP eligible countries; alumni from a partner University.

All applicants must obtain formal support of the institution (through formal letter of support) to submit the application.

### Target Group III

- Candidates in a particularly vulnerable situation for social and political reasons.  
\*Only Full Master's available to TG3 applicants



## ELIGIBLE AREAS OF STUDY

According to the Guidelines of the Erasmus Mundus Programme, the mobility flows within the scope of this Project are possible in the 16 study fields:

- 01.0 – Agriculture Sciences
- 02.0 – Architecture Urban and Regional Planning
- 03.0 – Art and Design
- 04.0 – Business Studies, Management Science
- 05.0 – Education, Teacher Training
- 06.0 – Engineering, Technology
- 07.0 – Geography, Geology
- 08.0 – Humanities
- 09.0 – Languages and Philological Sciences
- 10.0 – Law
- 11.0 – Mathematics, Informatics
- 12.0 – Medical Sciences
- 13.0 – Natural Sciences
- 14.0 – Social Sciences
- 15.0 – Communication and Information Sciences
- 16.0 – Other Areas of Study

## APPLICATION TIPS

- Begin now by visiting the DREAM website: <http://www.dream.up.pt/>
- Verify that you are **eligible** to apply
- Select your **direction**: all ACP candidates apply to Europe
- Select the **mobility type** in which you are interested
- Narrow down your chosen **academic offer**
- Ensure that you have the **language and academic requirements** for the host
- Collect all the necessary **documents**
- Complete the **online application form**



Send the application form by the deadline:  
**October 31st 2014!**

**EUROPEAN INSTITUTION IN FOCUS:**

**CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY**



Cardiff Metropolitan University is a global institution providing accessible, flexible, high quality education and training opportunities to approximately 11,000 students, with over 1200 international students from more than 143 countries. Formerly aligned with the University of Wales Institute, Cardiff, the University traces its contributions to the city of Cardiff and Wales as a whole to 1865, with the opening of its School of Art.

Cardiff Metropolitan University is divided into 3 academic campuses, Llandaff, Cyncoed, and Howard Gardens, and 1 residential campus at Plas Gwyn. Located on these campuses are the University's 5 Academic Schools:

- **Cardiff School of Art & Design**
- **Cardiff School of Education**
- **Cardiff School of Health Science**
- **Cardiff School of Management**
- **Cardiff School of Sport.**

Cardiff Metropolitan University also has a number of research and enterprise centres, including The National Centre for Product

Design & Development Research. The University prides itself on its approach to learning, teaching and assessment which is underpinned by high quality academic standards, working in partnership with students, the development and embedding of technology-enhanced learning and assessment, and research informed teaching.

In terms of Erasmus Mundus, Cardiff Metropolitan University is involved in a total of 18 projects, partnering in 12 (including DREAM) and coordinating 6. These projects cover the ACP region, Asia, Central Asia, Europe, including Eastern Europe, the Middle East, North America, South America and the Western Balkans.

The University was ranked first in the UK for 'overall student satisfaction' for 4 consecutive years in the International Student Barometer Autumn 2010 – 2013. See for yourself: international students recount their experiences of studying at Cardiff Met and why it is a great option for study on **Vimeo**, and Erasmus Mundus scholars share their experiences and insights at **this page**.



**ACP INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY IN FOCUS:**

# UNIVERSIDADE NACIONAL DE TIMOR LOROSA'E, TIMOR-LESTE

The Universidade Nacional de Timor Lorosa'e is a university founded in 2000 with headquarters in Dili, capital of Timor-Leste.

There are currently five colleges: Agriculture, Political Science, Economics, Educational Sciences and Engineering.

**FAST FACTS about Timor-Leste**

The first new nation of the 21st century is located in Southeast Asia, just north of Australia. A Portuguese colony from the 17th century until 1975, Timor-Leste (the Portuguese name for East Timor) shares the island of Timor with Indonesia.

- Population:** 947,000
- Capital:** Dili; 49,000
- Area:** 14,609 square kilometers (5,640 square miles)
- Language:** Tetum, Portuguese, Bahasa Indonesia, English
- Religion:** Christian (mostly Roman Catholic)
- Currency:** U.S. dollar

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