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### Erasmus Mundus open doors for South Africans

***Today post-graduate students and academics from universities across South Africa meet ahead of their imminent departure to further their academic pursuits within the European Union. The 163 candidates were selected to take part in the Erasmus Mundus Partnerships Programme that places successful applicants at European universities.***

Erasmus Mundus is an academic cooperation programme in higher education that provides post-graduate scholarships to promote the exchange of students between non-European and European universities.

See: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\\_mundus/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/index_en.php)

Erasmus Mundus is supported by the South African education authorities. Since the start of the programme close to 200 South African students have been selected.

EU Ambassador to South Africa, Roeland van de Geer, notes: "This wonderful exchange programme is clear evidence of the ever deepening levels of cooperation between the European Union and South Africa. It underlines the European Union's ongoing commitment to education and skills development in South Africa and in so doing, is essentially about creating that better life for all South Africans."

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