

FAQs 2025

JOINT MASTER PROGRAMME IN MARINE BIOTECHNOLOGY

1. From which countries we can apply?

All countries are eligible.

2. If I am not selected for a scholarship in the first round, can I apply again in the second round as a self-funded student or partial scholarship?

1st call application is for scholarship competition with limited number of scholarships, but you can enrol to this program as self-funding in the 2nd round without problem.

3. Where can we attach our certificates of volunteer, internship, or any other activities.

You can upload all documents in the same section we can see everything later.

4. My certificate of English has more than 2 years, is it valid?

The certificate must be issued during the last 2 years.

5. Whether letters of recommendation should be sent directly through email from the referees or should be scanned and uploaded by me? or while applying?

Scanned and uploaded by the applicant during application.

6. About the recommendation letters, which format they must follow, and do they need to be signed for the program or can go as general?

There is no template for that, but the requirements are in the admission requirements. Date no longer than 6 months, signed by the referee with his/her personal information.

7. Is It crucial to have research experience related with marine ecosystems?

No, but can give you extra points. Check selection criteria.

8. If I hold a master's degree, am I still eligible for this program?

Yes.

9. About submission of a confirmation letter from the university validating that my bachelor's degree qualifies for post-graduate studies. But my university informed me that such letters are not necessary and are not provided.

This document is mandatory and can be provided by your university with your personal details and stating that your bachelor's degree give you access to university postgraduate studies.

10. How to write SOP as questions regarding motivation are already asked on application portal. How to differentiate both these parts.

Remember Statement of Purpose (SOP) is a justification of preference for the track. The explanation of why you're choosing our programme and the marine biotechnology field, can be included in the Motivation field in the application form. Both motivation and SOP can be merged but always with an explanation about your track choice.

11. All my certificates are already in English, do I still need to legalize them from Spanish embassy for online application?

Legalization and translation are two different things. Even in your documents are in English need to be legalized or apostilled.

12. My IELTS result will be available after deadline within a week. Is this will affect my application?

All the documents must be provided during application, but if you are waiting for test results or final diploma, we will need a document with the date expected, and if you are selected your offer will be conditional until receive all documentation.

13. I am in the process to publish an article, can I refer it on my application, even though the article is under review?

Information about your scientific experience is welcome, but only articles published will be considered for selection points.

14. How much of the course material is virtual vs in-person?

First and second semester are physical attendance, 3rd semester is blended because theoretical courses (16ECTS) will be taught online, but Academic Research Integration (14 ECTS) is physical attendance (lab-work). Master thesis is also physical attendance.

15. Does the Master's Programme also begin in the summer semester? Approximately how many students start the Master's Programme each year?

The Master's Programme will start in September, and it is a full-time programme of 2 academic years. A maximum of 40 students could be accepted each intake.

16. What are the career path cases of previous alumni from this programme?

Most of them are enrolled in PhD programmes around Europe, and some also working in Europe and USA.