CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2015-2017

The MESPOM Consortium of six universities – Lund University (Sweden), the University of Manchester (UK), Central European University (Hungary), the University of the Aegean (Greece), the Monterey Institute for International Studies (the graduate school of the Middlebury College) (USA), and the University of Saskatchewan (Canada) – is inviting applications for the Erasmus Mundus Masters Course in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management (MESPOM) for studies in 2015-2017.

Overview

MESPOM educates international environmental professionals and prepares future interdisciplinary researchers. We foster the ability to link advanced scientific knowledge to effective policy and management responses.

The MESPOM Consortium combines Nordic, Mediterranean, Western and Central European as well as North American scholarly and professional traditions. The Consortium partners have many decades of combined experience in delivering interdisciplinary environmental Masters courses creating a solid platform for a high quality, integrated and globally relevant Masters Course. Since launching MESPOM in 2005, the partner Universities have perfected highly integrated and complementary curriculum based on their complementary core competencies (CEU – in environmental policy; Lund University – in industrial environmental strategies; the University of Manchester – in pollution control; and the University of the Aegean – in ecosystems management).

Programme structure

The 20 months (120 ECTS credits) programme consists of three taught and one research semesters. The first two semesters are delivered at CEU with contributions from other partners. At the end of the 2nd semester, a module on Ecosystems Management is delivered by the University of the Aegean at their campus on the Island of Lesvos in Greece. During the third semester, students choose whether to specialize in Environmental Sciences and Pollution Control at the University of Manchester, or in Environmental Policy and Management at Lund University. The fourth semester is a thesis research project which a student can do at any of the six MESPOM Consortium partners.

In addition to their academic work students learn to orient themselves in European and worldwide networks of environmental institutions and elaborate career strategies. Many students combine thesis work with internships in international organizations, governments, NGOs or the private sector.
MESPOM Students

In order to create a multicultural learning environment, MESPOM strives to achieve a balance between various geographic and disciplinary backgrounds of its student body. The 324 MESPOM students admitted in 2005-2014 come from over 70 countries of five continents.

Career opportunities

MESPOM alumni now work on environmental challenges in the UN, government, academia, industry and the non-profit sector worldwide. Many have chosen to return to their home countries whereas others stayed in Europe, particularly for pursuing PhD degrees. The careers of the MESPOM graduates are traced at www.mespom.eu/career.

Financial aid

MESPOM offers diverse forms of financial assistance in form of tuition fee waivers and living stipends for outstanding students (further details can be found at www.mespom.eu/finances).

Entry requirements

MESPOM invites applications from candidates from all countries. Successful applicants must have a good first degree (a Bachelor or analogue) in a subject related to environmental sciences, policy and management, such as Earth and natural sciences, engineering, management or economics. Candidates with other first degrees are also considered if they show commitment to environmental issues, usually through work experience. All candidates should demonstrate proficiency in English. Admission is based on the academic and intellectual excellence of applicants as well as on their motivation and prior experience.

Admission to MESPOM is highly competitive. A successful applicant has typically graduated with excellent grades from a good university and has some experience of voluntary or professional environmental work. She or he understands global environmental challenges and has a clear commitment to contribute to their resolution.

CEU organizes the application procedure on behalf of the MESPOM Consortium. All candidates applying for financial aid should submit on-line applications and provide necessary documents by February 1, 2015 and all other candidates by June 1, 2015 to be admitted to the study period from September 2015 – June 2017. Additional guidance on application is provided in the How to Apply section of the MESPOM Web site (www.mespom.eu/how_to_apply).

Contact and additional information

Additional information is available on www.mespom.eu or by writing to the MESPOM Consortium Coordinator (coordinator@mespom.eu).

Interested candidates are encouraged to use the Facebook group ‘Study at MESPOM’ (www.facebook.com/groups/study.at.mespom/) to find answers to their questions about the programme.

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