

European Neighbourhood Policy Maritime Scholarships: Invitation to join the World Maritime University for the 2019- 2020 class

Dear Applicant,

We are pleased to invite nominations of candidates to join the next class of the Master of Science in Maritime Affairs at the World Maritime University (WMU), with financial support provided by the EU-funded regional projects SAFEMED IV, EuroMed Maritime Safety project” (hereafter SAFEMED IV project) and “Maritime safety, security and marine environmental protection in the Black and Caspian Sea Regions” (hereafter BCSEA project) for the class of 2019-2020. The fellowships will cover tuition, field studies, UN medical insurance, life and accident insurance, subsidised cafeteria, free bus pass, subsidised health care, sports centre membership and any other benefits offered by WMU. The fellowships will also cover the accommodation and the Student Residence and a monthly living allowance for the students.

The two projects are responsible to provide technical assistance bringing together national, European and international stakeholders with the aim to raise the safety, security and protection of marine environment standards in the beneficiary countries. The beneficiaries of the SAFEMED IV are Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia, while the beneficiaries of the BCSEA are Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Ukraine, Turkey and Turkmenistan.

The objective of the procedure is to enable staff members from the maritime administrations of beneficiary countries of SAFEMED IV project and the BCSEA project to enrol and attend the 14 months Standard Master Program in Maritime Affairs (Fellowship) offered by the WMU with the financial and managerial support by EMSA. The Agency will fund 8 fellowships (4 for the SAFEMED IV project and 4 for the BCSEA project, maximum one per country).

The World Maritime University (WMU) was established under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. Over the last three decades, WMU has earned global recognition as an international centre of excellence for postgraduate maritime and ocean education, research and capacity-building for the world community. Graduates have taken up senior positions around the globe in government, maritime administrations, port administrations, shipping management, academic institutions and media organizations. They participate in maritime affairs both nationally and internationally and have a particularly strong representation at IMO.

The students who join WMU in 2019 will follow an intensive postgraduate programme lasting 14 months. The standard MSc starts each year in September, with graduation in October/November the following year. The pre-sessional English and Study Skills programme starts each year in June.

The MSc programme offers a direct response to the requirements of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Goals, equipping maritime experts from around the world with the knowledge and skills needed today and in the future. WMU offers seven highly recognized specializations in *Maritime Law & Policy*; *Maritime Safety & Environmental Administration*; *Maritime Energy Management*; *Ocean Sustainability, Governance & Management*; *Maritime Education & Training*; *Port Management*; and *Shipping Management & Logistics*. Full details of the programme content and structure, application procedures and fees and costs are given in the WMU Academic Handbook. The application portal can be found on the WMU website: <https://www.wmu.se/msc-malmö/apply>

For the fellowships awarded under the European Neighbours projects, only applications for the *Maritime Law & Policy* and the *Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration* Specialisations will be taken into consideration.

Please note that applicants are requested to apply online and fill out the motivational statement. However, the “Application for Financial Support” must be submitted by the country focal point for the SAFEMED IV (<http://emsa.europa.eu/focal-points.html>) and BCSEA (<http://emsa.europa.eu/focal-points-in-beneficiary-countries.html>). Only applicants endorsed by the country focal point will be taken into consideration.

This scholarship funding is subject to the condition that the candidate shall remain in the employment of the relevant Administration for a period of three years after the completion of training. In this respect, the candidate's application must be accompanied by evidence of a binding agreement between the candidate and the relevant Administration whereby both parties undertake that the candidate will be employed (*in case the candidate is, at the time of application, not employed by the Administration*) or remain employed (*where the candidate is, at the time of application, already employed by the Administration*) for an adequate period of time after the completion of training.

It is important that the applications arrive at the University in good time to maximise the chances of selection for a European Neighbourhood Policy Maritime Scholarship award. We look forward to considering these, so that candidates from your country can benefit from the funding provided under this project.