

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON ECA GROUP Intelligent Robotics Scholarship





Verify your eligibility

Before starting, verify your eligibility to the course, to the scholarships and the selection criteria.

The MIR master's course is offered to European and third country-students who fulfil the following requirements:

- Hold at at the beginning of the programme/time of registering to the programme (September) a first university degree after at least three years of university studies totalling 180 ECTS, of which at least 30 ECTS are in mathematics-related subjects.
- **Proficient in one programming language** (please provide evidence or examples demonstrating your programming skills in your motivation letter).
- Proven B2 minimum CEFR level English proficiency. Applicants whose native language is not English are required prove their English proficiency by one of the following ways:
 - TOEFL (scores 90 IBT or higher, 220 CBT or higher, 550 PBT or higher),
 - o Cambridge Advanced English Test (score B or higher),
 - o IELTS (score 6.5 or higher),
 - o TOEIC (800 or higher),
 - An applicant who carried out his/her degree in English is eligible, providing an official certificate from the degree-awarding institution that states the program was taught entirely in English
- The ECA Group scholarship is only open to candidates whose nationality makes them non-eligible to apply for an Erasmus Mundus scholarship due to EACEA mobility rules, such as French citizens for example.

Prepare your application

In order to apply for the MIR master's program, you will need to complete an online application form and upload a number of documents. It is important that you prepare your application well in advance, as once submitted the application cannot be amended. The following documents must be uploaded on the online application (as PDF files):

- Copy of international passport indicating the nationality or ID card
- Copies of academic degrees of all university studies, i.e. Bachelor, Master or equivalent.



- If the originals are not in English, official English translation of academic degrees of all university studies.
- Copy of diploma supplements in English (officially translated if necessary) stating courses and scores obtained per course. All the diploma supplements must be grouped in a single file. If the degree is due to be obtained after the application deadline, a certificate from the institution indicating the situation of the student and the expected date of graduation must be provided. If the documents are in French, Norwegian, Spanish or Portuguese, the English translation is not necessary.
- CV
- Motivation letter (max 1000 words)
- Description of your **Professional project** over the next 5 years (max 1000 words)
- Any of the English test certificates accepted according to the <u>eligibility criteria</u>.
 Documents must not be older than 3 years. No other test is recognized. This document is not required if the language of instruction of your studies is English. This fact must be certified by an official document or letter from the University. In that case, submitting an English Test Certificate is not compulsory, but can add value to your application, since English proficiency is a selection criterion.
- Recommendation letters from two professors (or department heads, tutors, study directors) able to comment on the suitability of the applicant for graduate study. Letters should be provided signed on official university letterhead paper. The official university email addresses and contact information of the referees should be provided.
- Optionally, other supporting documents.
- Register to the <u>online application form</u> and follow the instructions.

Selection criteria

Among eligible candidates, the selection will be performed using the following criteria, with the numerical weight and evidence of each item indicated:

- Academic scores (30), evidenced through student transcripts, GPA.
- Scientific quality of the degree-issuing school or institution (20), evidenced by university rankings
- Adequacy to the program (10), evidenced by the type of degree(s) obtained
- Language skills (10), evidenced by the English test certificates or institution certificate for English taught degrees
- **Recommendation references** (15), an additional weight (5) will be applied to positive referee letters from associate partner organisations, evidenced by recommendation letters in university letterhead and contact emails of professors, lecturers and other relevant faculty members.
- Academic and professional experience (15), evidenced through the CV



• Motivation (5), evidenced by a motivation letter and professional project

Selection procedure

Candidate applications will be revised by an international selection committee. Making use of the selection criteria candidates are ranked, (following the constraints of the scholarship eligibility criteria). Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an online interview before the 21st of June. The scholarship holder will be selected and offered the place on the programme and the remaining shortlisted candidates will be put on a reserve list. Once participation is confirmed by the selected candidate, the MIR coordination office will contact student to sign 3 party collaboration agreement and commence the registration procedures and mobility arrangements.

Enrollment

Once selected and upon enrollment on the MIR course, original degrees, certificates and all the aforementioned documentation will have to be provided for verification.

Start date

The official start date of the programme is on September 6, 2021.