



Copernicus Master in Digital Earth (CDE) is a two year full-time integrated (Erasmus Mundus) Joint Master degree programme.

The English language Master of Science is jointly offered to outstanding candidates as double degree. Students study Earth Observation and Geoinformatics in year one at Paris-Lodron University Salzburg. Two specialization tracks provide a pathway towards excellence in GeoData Science at University of South Brittany as well as GeoVisualization and Geocommunication at Palacký University Olomouc in year two.



Palacký University
Olomouc



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

High level, distinctive, [Erasmus Mundus] double degree programme

**Open worldwide, we welcome applications from
European and international candidates with a 'GEOSPATIAL'
background on a self-funded (self-payment) basis.**

APPLICATION FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE STUDY 2023/2024 The joint Master's degree programme will start in October 2023 at Paris-Lodron University Salzburg, Austria.

CALL OPEN: November 7, 2022 – December 20, 2022 (23:59 CET):

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WHO CAN APPLY?

▪ APPLICATION shall be open to SELF-FUNDED STUDENTS (SELF-PAYING)

Self-funded status identifies all candidates either funding their own studies, getting financial assistance from employer, sabbatical, family or friends, taking out a student loan, international scholarships etc.

▪ CANDIDATES fulfilling following criteria

Academic qualifications, additional criteria for selection, as defined on the [CDE website](#), and completion of the online application form including upload of all required documents. Only completed applications will be reviewed. Please consider our application tips to improve the quality of your application.

▪ EUROPEAN and international candidates with a GEOSPATIAL background

The call is open for any qualified candidate applying for admission to the Master of Science programme Copernicus Master in Digital Earth on a self-funded (self-payment) basis. *We welcome applications worldwide, this includes candidates from EU member states and any other nationality.* Applicants must fulfill all requirements to be eligible for consideration. Please note, that at the time of application candidates select and prioritize at least one *SPECIALIZATION TRACK*.

▪ YOUNG GRADUATES and CURRENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The Master of Science programme aims to provide especially young graduates and professionals a chance to enhance their Geospatial EO*GI careers. We offer recent graduates at the beginning of their career the opportunity to gain invaluable scientific experience at European top universities with an integrated internship and blended learning activities. Applicants in their final year of a Bachelor's degree may apply when candidates will have completed the undergraduate degree (bachelor's or equivalent) prior to June/July 2023, and a copy of the official degree certificate can be handed in later, by July 30 at the latest.

FEES / PARTICIPATION COSTS

For the current open call and the edition of students starting in the academic year 2023/2024 a fee waiver for participation costs will be applied for the entire duration of the study programme, 4 semesters, 120 ECTS.

Please note: Ensure to be able to cover visa, travel, individual course-related costs (e.g. student union fees, books and materials), and living expenses on your own, as these costs are not part of any fees/participation costs. Get further information on proof of sufficient financial means to cover the living costs [as of 2022] for Austria at <https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/residence-permit-student-mobility-programme#c23784> to apply with current student residency permit regulations.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The application procedure comprises three steps:

(1) APPLICATION

Interested and qualified candidates submit their application. Applicants complete the online form in a two-steps process guided by the application handbook.

(2) SELECTION

Two independent Selection Committee (SelCom) members evaluate candidates. ‘Mobility Online’ is used as application and evaluation platform. INITIAL FILTERING 1 is undertaken by specialization track SelCom members and INITIAL FILTERING 2 by other SelCom members appointed by the SelCom Chair.

The SelCom ranks applications according to five categories: Outstanding, Highly competent, Competent, Not yet competent, and Failed. The review of applications is based solely on the information provided in the complete application and the online interview. Appeals will not be considered against the evaluators or in respect to the quality of the Selection Committee and selection process.

INITIAL FILTERING 1 and 2	
Ranking	Please note:
Outstanding	<p>Initial filtering and ranking is used as one measure to ensure that applicants are considered from multiple perspectives.</p> <p>The Selection Committee evaluates and ranks complete applications based on academic merits, the online interview, scores and [funding] regulations.</p>
Highly competent	
Competent	
Not yet competent	
Failed	

FINAL NOMINATIONS: The SelCom chairs undertake final ranking and nominate short-listed candidates for an online interview. Be aware, an official nomination for interview through the CDE selection procedure will be a successful achievement. However, after careful review and consideration of a candidate’s application, candidates can be nominated to be a selected student or a non-selected applicant. Based on the impression of the interview, the Selection Committee might shift a candidate to the non-selected list. The final nomination and selection of candidates take into account all published selection criteria.

(3) ADMISSION offered to outstanding candidates

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS demonstrate a high degree of commitment and motivation, a strong interest and background in the ‘Geospatial’ field of applications as well as for working in international environments. Fulfill all required academic qualifications for admission with excellent academic results; can document required high-level competences in English language.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

The Selection Committee (SelCom) prepares a nomination proposal for (1) Self-Funded candidates, (2) Unsuccessful candidates will be notified, (3) Ineligible applications will not be assessed.

- (1) **Self-Funded (self-paying) candidate:** All selected candidates not receiving an Erasmus+ scholarship within the CDE programme are considered as self-funded. This includes everyone either funding their own studies, getting financial assistance from family or friends, beneficiaries of scholarships, taking out a student loan etc.
- (2) **Unsuccessful candidate:** Applicants not fulfilling either eligibility criteria and/or academic merits because of a highly competitive selection process. The candidate did not match the required academic profile, demonstrated motivation for the selected specialization track, personal academic achievements if a senior candidates such as publications, conference presentations, teaching experience.
- (3) **Ineligible applications:** are applications not completed or not eligible due to Erasmus+ regulations.

DEADLINES

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DEADLINES	SELECTION PROCEDURE	
Assessment on a continuous basis	Eligibility Check, Initial Filtering by Selection Committee; Evaluation of applications by Selection Committee; Short List for interviews; Online (personal) Interviews.	
Selection Committee Meeting & Information to Applicants		January 2023
STUDY YEAR 1		
October – January	<i>Mid-September, arrival of students at PLUS</i>	Sem 1
March – June		Sem 2
STUDY YEAR 2		
September – January	<i>September, arrival of students at UBS or UPOL</i>	Sem 3
February – June/July		Sem 4

Relevant information on the programme's website:

Who is a Self-Funded (self-paying) student?: <https://www.master-cde.eu/participationcosts/self-funded/>

Programme admission: <https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/>

Call: <https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/procedures-deadlines/calls/>

Application: <https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/procedures-deadlines/application-step-1/>

Selection: <https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/admission-selection-step-2/>

University admission (student enrolment): <https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/admission-step-3/>

GDPR: <https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/procedures-deadlines/application-step-1/gdpr/>

Definition of Terms: <https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/admission-selection-step-2/definition-of-terms/>

Appeal: <https://www.master-cde.eu/admission/procedures-deadlines/appeal/>

Contacts

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Palacky University Olomouc, Prof. Vít VOŽENÍLEK (Selection Committee Chair)

University of South Brittany, Prof. Sébastien Lefèvre (Selection Committee Co-Chair)

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