

Instructions for self-paying applicants for the EMAL 2019-21 edition

Be sure to read this document carefully before submitting your application. Any questions you have after reading this may be addressed to bjorn.grung@uib.no

General information

Due to the covid-19 pandemic the intake has been postponed. We aim to start the edition in early January 2021. The preliminary start up-date is January 3rd, but there might be further delays.

There are three places available for Partner Country students, and three places for Programme Country students. Citizens of the member states of the EU/EEA are prospective Partner Country students. The same applies to individuals from any other country who during the last five years has spent at least one year in the EU/EEA studying or working.

The University of Bergen will not charge tuition fees for the year spent in Bergen. Students will have to pay the semester registration fee (approximately NOK 590) each semester, in line with every other student at UiB. For the second year, applicants must pay tuition fees as described on the EMAL web page to the university at which they spend that study year.

Students from the EU/EEA must register upon arrival in Norway. This does not involve any cost. More information will be given later. Citizens from any other countries must apply for a residence permit after they have been offered a place in the program. The fee for this is NOK 4900. The application is carried out online, but you need to travel to the nearest Norwegian embassy to submit the necessary papers. When applying for residence permit, you must document that you have enough money to live on, at least NOK 123 519 per year. This money may consist of student loans, grants, own funds that you have in a Norwegian bank account or the deposit account of the educational institution, or a combination of the above.

The ongoing pandemic is going to influence this edition of EMQAL. The start up-date may be delayed. Many classes may be taught by video conference. You may be required to quarantine for 10 days upon arrival in Norway. A lockdown of the society might occur in the future should the number of cases rise uncontrollably. Borders may be closed, making travel to and from Norway impossible. None of these issues are under our control.

The application

You must upload PDF versions of some documents (diplomas, grades transcript, language certificates, other relevant documents) when submitting your application. Make sure that you have these ready. You may need to merge some documents, as you may only upload three

files: One containing diplomas and transcript of grades, one containing language certificates, and one joint file for all other relevant documents.

You are required to give contact information (name, title/job description, workplace, email) of **two referees**. Your referees should be people who know you very well and can attest to your qualities. Preferably they should hold positions either in academia, research or industry in fields relevant for EMQAL. All referees will be contacted, and we strongly suggest that you speak to them before applying. Please be sure about their availability. Please provide only one email address per referee. Any mistake in this address will result in your application not receiving that reference.

There are designated spaces for submitting **information about two previous degrees**. Should you only have one previous degree, you leave the second one blank. If you have more than two, you may specify this in a separate field.

A **personal statement** of up to 2500 characters (blanks included) is required. This is to give the Selection Committee a chance to get to know you, your aspirations, interests, experience and talents, professional, academic and personal.

Describe the skills and abilities that make you an excellent candidate for EMQAL. Describe any previous experience related to the subjects of the Master, either academic or professional. If relevant, describe your current and previous employments, positions and durations. If you are an author of scientific publications mention these and include pdf copies or a separate list of publications.

We recommend you to carefully prepare this text in a separate document and then to copy/paste it to the Personal statement field. This is to avoid losing the text due to technical difficulties.

A **motivation statement** of up to 2500 characters (blanks included) is required. Explain why you are applying for this course. Include

- * your academic interests.
- * why you have chosen this subject
- * what interests you particularly about the course
- * link these ideas to your chosen career
- * why you are interested in studying in Europe
- * how well-prepared for studying in Europe you are
- * any personal problems (family/financial/cultural) you foresee

You need to specify your **English language skills** on a scale from A1 (beginner) to C2 (proficient). These categories are from the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). An explanation of the abbreviations can be found at the CEFRA website, or at the EMQAL site at http://www.emqal.org/documents_for_students/cefr.pdf. Read this and be honest when doing the self-assessment. Any language certificates should be uploaded with the application. We may contact those of you without a language certificate at a later stage to validate your self-assessment of the language skills.

Any relevant information you want to convey, but we do not specifically ask about, may be submitted in the field **Special circumstances**.

The deadline for the application is September 30th at midnight CET.

Additional information - Comparison Charts

English skills

Based on the research reports that link TOEFL iBT scores to IELTS and CEFR scores, ETS developed these comparison charts to help you make informed admissions decisions.

(CEFR – Common European Framework of Reference)

TOEFL Score	IELTS Band
0–31	0–4
32–34	4.5
35–45	5
46–59*	5.5
60–78*	6
79–93*	6.5
94–101*	7
102–109*	7.5
110–114	8
115–117	8.5
118–120	9

CEFR	TOEFL Score
	0–56
B1	57–86
B2	87–109
C1	110–120

* Indicates score comparison ranges with the highest degree of confidence

Cambridge English

A range of exams to meet different needs

