

Instructions for self-paying applicants for the EMQAL 2022-24 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

The edition is scheduled to start in Gdansk, Poland, on October 3rd 2022. The ongoing covid-19 pandemic may cause delays. You will spend the first year in Gdansk doing courses. During the second year you must travel to either Barcelona (Spain), Cádiz (Spain) or Faro (Portugal) to do a research project and an internship.

The tuition fees for the whole course is €18000 for Partner Country students, and €9000 for Program Country students. Program Countries are the EU countries plus North Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Serbia, Turkey and the UK.

Once you have been accepted as an EMQAL student you should start working on obtaining the necessary visa, as well as organizing other aspects of your stay in Gdansk. You will receive a letter from the Gdansk University of Technology explaining the necessary steps.

The ongoing pandemic may influence this edition of EMQAL. The start up-date may be delayed. Some classes may be taught by video conference. 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 Poland impossible for citizens of some countries. 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 application will remain open until the course starts on October 3rd.

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

