**Erasmus Mundus Scholarship Student agreement**

**EMMBIOME Erasmus Mundus Master in Biomedical Engineering**

**The EMMBIOME Coordinating Institution University of Kragujevac** (address: Liceja Kneževine Srbije 1A, 34000 Kragujevac, Srbija), represented by the Programme Coordinator Professor Nenad Filipović, on behalf of the EMMBIOME Consortium formed by the following Universities:

* **University of Kragujevac, Serbia (UNIKG)**
* **University of Patras, Greece (UPAT)**
* **University of Medicine and Pharmacy Grigore T. Popa, Romania (UMF IASI)**

**And the student:**

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| Surname |  |
| First Name |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Place of Birth |  |
| Passport |  |
| National ID number |  |
| Email |  |
| Current address |  |
| Mobile phone |  |
| Bank account where the financial support should be paid |  |
| Bank account holder |  |
| Bank name |  |
| Clearing/BIC/SWIFT number |  |
| Account/IBAN number |  |

**Agree on the following terms and conditions:**

**1** **General provisions**

**1.1** The Student will obtain assistance from relevant administrative units of Partner Institutions (e.g. Secretariat) with general administrative formalities.

**1.2** The EMMBIOME Consortium is exonerated from any responsibility for accidents, illnesses, injuries, issues related to delays in visa/residence permit application procedures, visa/stay permit assistance for Students’ family, losses or damages to persons or goods resulting from or in any way related to the activities that are object of the present contract.

**2. Study period**

**2.1** The EMMBIOME program starts on the 1st of October 2023. And lasts until the 30st of September 2025.

**2.2** The student mobility track is the following:

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| First semester | University of Kragujevac |
| Second semester | University of Patras |
| Third semester | University of Medicine and Pharmacy Grigore T. Popa |
| Fourth semester | A University chosen by the student |

**3 Tuition Fee: Payment and Coverage**

**3.1** As the student is awarded an Erasmus Mundus Scholarship, he/she is exempted from payment of the tuition fee.

**3.2** The EMMBIOME Master programme requires mobility, which implies studying in three universities in three European countries. The costs of travelling, lodging, living, etc. are covered by the student from the received Erasmus Mundus Scholarship.

**3.3** Insurance policy, the compulsory university insurance, registration and the student’s record management, are considered covered by the Consortium.

**3.4** Unexpected costs (such as duplicates of diplomas, duplicates of certificates, etc.) are covered by the student.

**4.** **Details of the Study Programme**

**4.1** The EMMBIOME programme is based on the strengths of each partner University, in order to offer students a well-rounded Master programme. This is a two-year Master programme (120 ECTS), that will provide student competence through knowledge acquisition from various disciplines, with their active interconnectedness, as well as professional skills necessary for engagement in practice and competencies for continuation of academic education at the next level of studies (doctoral academic studies).

**4.2** The programme will be taught in English. Students will start their first year at the University of Kragujevac where they will finish the first semester and earn 30 ECTS. This will be followed by the second semester at the University of Patras where they will also earn 30 ECTS. During the third semester, the students will move to the University of Medicine and Pharmacy Grigore T. Popa, where they will acquire 30 ECTS. The last semester will be dedicated to the Master thesis, and students will divide into three groups, each group will do the Master thesis at one of the partner Universities.

**4.3** This structure enables students from partner Universities to complete the required mobility periods – at least two 30-ECTS semesters in two different programme countries. Each University will recognize the ECTS obtained at other two Universities in order for each institution to issue a Master degree.

**4.4** After the student defends the Master thesis, each institution will issue a diploma based on their national accreditation. Those diplomas will be:

**1. Master Engineer of Biomedical Engineering by University of Kragujevac (60 ECTS)**

**2. Master Engineer of Biomedical Engineering by University of Patras (90 ECTS)**

**3. Master Engineer of Biomedical Engineering by University of Medicine and Pharmacy Grigore T. Popa (120 ECTS)**

**4.5** Student internships at host Universities will be organized in accordance with the rules and regulations of the host institutions from the EMMBIOME Consortium.

**4.6** Local rules and regulations of Host Institution apply to the corresponding modules, regarding grading of modules, re-sits, consultation of graded work etc.

**4.7** A corresponding passing grade has to be obtained in order to be awarded with the ECTS credit point corresponding to the module. If the Student fails the end of module examination, he/she will have the opportunity to sit an additional examination.

**4.8** At the beginning of each semester, the student will receive the programme calendar for the current home institution, for which he/she does not wish to communicate any specific restraint beforehand and intends to comply fully, particularly in regard to: welcome days; examination periods; holiday periods; dissertation submission and defense. The Consortium Management Board may perform minor adjustments to this calendar with at least 1 month advancement, but no changes will have impact on travelling and lodging arrangements.

**4.9** The student will strictly adhere to the study plan agreed upon with the programme coordinator and understands that any deviation from the stated study must be approved by the Consortium Management Board.

**4.10** The student is obliged to follow the lectures in the form determined by the host University. In the case of absence, the student needs to notify the host institution and provide proof that the absence is justified.

**4.11** During his studies, the student is obliged to act according to the rules and regulations of every host institution from the EMMBIOME Consortium.

**5. Health and Accident Insurance**

**5.1** During his/her stay within the EMMBIOME master programme, the student understands that he/she will be the beneficiary of Insurance Coverage provided by the EMMBIOME Consortium. The student was informed of the characteristics of such insurance, particularly in concern to the clear satisfaction of the minimum requirements required by the programme.

**5.2** If the student acquires health and accident insurance on his/her own, and if the acquired insurance coverage meets the minimum requirements required by the programme, the EMMBIOME Coordinating Institution will reimburse the costs of the previously acquired insurance coverage, provided that the student delivers a copy of insurance and valid a valid invoice. The maximum refund that will be accepted is 50 EUR per month of insurance.

**6. Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) Scholarship**

**6.1** The total monthly amount of the Scholarship is 1,400 EUR per month, (46.666EUR per day) for the entire duration of the programme. The scholarship holder will start receiving his/her scholarship no later than 30 calendar days after both parties sign the agreement and upon the arrival of the beneficiary.

**6.2** Despite of the financial support provided by the scholarship, the student is responsible for the necessary arrangements and payment of all travel and lodging-related expenses (for the first, second, and third institution of enrolment, as well as for the integration week).

**6.3** The scholarship does not create or entitle an employer-employee relation between the EMMBIOME Consortium and the Student.

**6.4** Upon arrival at the first Institution, the Student will have to open a local bank account and inform the EMMBIOME Coordinating Institution accordingly. His/her scholarship funds will be paid, by bank transfer, to this account. If a change occurs in his/her account details, the Student has the responsibility to inform the EMMBIOME Coordinating Institution.

**6.5** The contribution to monthly subsistence costs is paid in installments over the course of the EMMBIOME Programme. The first monthly installment is paid upon arrival, while every other monthly installment will be paid during the current month for the previous month. Payment will be made at the middle exchange rate of the euro during the day on which the scholarship is paid.

**6.6** In the event that the student discontinues the programme for personal or non-medical reasons, he/she agrees to repay the grant within 10 months of the date of discontinuation of the programme.

**6.7** The student understands that he/she is not allowed to become absent from the enrolment institution, namely by leaving the country, without a formal authorization of the EMBIOMME coordinator and of the local coordinator.

**6.8** The student understands that if he/she fails to successfully complete the First Examination Period, the Scholarship contract will be terminated. Exceptional cases, namely related to illness, injury or visa problems are treated on an individual basis.

**6.9** The student understands that if he/she fails to complete the Second Examination Period, the Scholarship contract will be terminated. Exceptional cases, namely related to illness, injury or visa problems are treated on an individual basis.

**6.10** The student understands that if he/she fails to complete the Third Examination Period, he/she will not be admitted to the Master thesis work. Furthermore, the Scholarship contract will be terminated. Exceptional cases, namely related to illness, injury or visa problems are treated on an individual basis. If the student fails one module by the end of the Third Examination Period, he/she will still be admitted to Master thesis work but must be approved in the third examination period for completion of the programme.

**6.11** The student fully understands that, for every day of justified absence from the EMMBIOME Erasmus Mundus Master in Biomedical Engineering, the monthly scholarship will be reduced appropriately to the number of days of his/her justified absence (the daily amount is 46.666EUR).

**6.12** By signing this contract, the Student acknowledges the acceptance of the EMMBIOME Erasmus Mundus Master in Biomedical Engineering.

**6.13** The Student confirms that he/she did not receive any Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Degree Scholarship or an Erasmus Mundus Master Course/joint Doctorate scholarship before. The student further confirms that he/she is not currently benefiting from any grant funded by the EU budget.

**7. Further rules/agreements**

**7.1** The student will send a final study report and programme evaluation to the Management Board after completion of the programme.

**7.2** The student is aware that he/she will be considered absentee if he/she fails to attend 2/3 of the lessons or 2/3 of the independent work sessions, in each module. The absenteeism implies as penalty the automatic failure in the module concerned. This means that the presence and evaluation in such module would need to be ensured in a further academic year. However, if absenteeism in the module is caused by ‘force majeure’ a case-by-case analysis will be made by the Consortium Management Board, as to decide on potential special evaluation that waives the need for 2/3 presence (e.g. special tutoring, special assignments) in due observation to the rules of the institution where the student is attending the coursework.

**7.3** The student was made aware of the set of services that are made available to him/her by all involved institutions through which his/her mobility track passes, particularly in concern to: administrative support by International Office, academic tutoring/mentoring mechanisms, local language courses and access to on-site and online learning facilities.

**7.4** The student will fully abide to the mandatory participation of EMJMD students in program/survey evaluations, as well as in the joining of the Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA, see http://www.em-a.eu/).

**7.5** The student commits to behave in a responsible and ethical manner during the studies. He/she will commit no fraudulent act (such as, but not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, or falsification). The student furthermore declares not to misuse or abuse the access that is granted as part of the EMMBIOME EMJMD to facilities, equipment and installations etc. Breach of this commitment on the part of the student will be treated by the relevant local and EMMBIOME governing bodies and may cause the exclusion of the student from the EMMBIOME EMJMD.

**7.6** The student is aware that the Greek legislation requires the degrees of the students to be academically recognized by the Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center. This is a requirement for awarding the MSc degree of the University of Patras. If for any reason the academic recognition of the degree is not successful, University of Patras and the consortium is not responsible for not being able to award the University of Patras (one of the three degrees awarded) degree to the student.

**8. Modification of the Contract and Dispute Resolution Conditions**

**8.1** Any alteration to the present Contract must be communicated in writing. All alterations to the initial situation must be immediately communicated by the Student to the EMMBIOME Consortium. Upon mutual agreement of contractual modifications, the EMMBIOME Consortium will issue addenda to the present contract.

**8.2** In case of complaint, the student may appeal to the EMMBIOME Consortium Management Board with a reasoned writing. The EMMBIOME Consortium Management Board will consider the issue and will solve it within a month. However, for a specific complaint about a specific service or facility provided by a partner institution, the student shall invoke the complaints procedure of that institution.

**8.3** Without prejudice to the general consequences laid down in national law applicable in the present contract, the EMMBIOME Consortium reserves the right to cease the effects of the present contract, without recourse to any juridical procedure apart from adequate communication to the Student.

By signing this agreement, the signatories declare that they have read, understood and accepted the conditions laid down in the present contract.

**SIGNATURES**

**For the participant For the institution**

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