

**STUDENT AGREEMENT**

**Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Programme under Erasmus+**

**European Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Embedded Intelligence  
Nanosystems Engineering – from Nanoscale Technologies to Ubiquitous Smart Sensors  
(EMINENT)**

**Student recipient of an Erasmus Mundus Scholarship  
Academic Years 2024-2025**

**The Coordinating Institution, Universität Siegen, School of Science and Technology, Adolf-Reichwein-Straße 2, 57076 Siegen, represented by Prof. Dr.-Ing. Peter Haring Bolívar, as the *First Signatory*,**

on behalf of the Consortium of the Joint Erasmus Mundus Master Program “*Embedded Intelligence Nanosystems Engineering – from Nanoscale Technologies to Ubiquitous Smart Sensors*” (EMINENT), formed by the following Universities:

- University of Siegen (USIEGEN), Germany
- Hellenic Mediterranean University (HMU), Greece
- Nova University Lisbon (UNL), Portugal
- University of Orléans (UO), France
- Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (VILNIUS TECH), Lithuania

of the one part, and

**Name:**

**First name:**

**Date of birth:**

**Place of birth:**

**Nationality:**

**Passport number:**

**Place(s) of residence in the 12  
months prior to enrolment**

(supporting documents are  
provided by the student)

hereafter referred to as *the Student*, the *Second Signatory*, on the other part, have agreed the following terms and conditions:

## Preamble

The joint EMINENT coordination, represented by the EMINENT director Prof. Dr.-Ing. Haring Bolívar, on behalf of the EMINENT Consortium, is responsible towards the students for the obligations arising from the agreement. The EMINENT director exercises the functions specified in this Student Agreement.

The academic organization and assessment rules are given in the *Examination Regulations for the European Master on Embedded Intelligence Nanosystems Engineering – from Nanoscale Technologies to Ubiquitous Smart Sensors (EMINENT)*. The Examination Regulations, as well as other relevant information on the programme are provided on the programme’s website: <https://eminent-master.eu>

## Consortium

The consortium of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Programme entitled “Embedded Intelligence Nanosystems Engineering – from Nanoscale Technologies to Ubiquitous Smart Sensors” (henceforth *EMINENT*), is constituted of the University of Siegen (henceforth USIEGEN), the Hellenic Mediterranean University (henceforth HMU), the Nova University Lisbon (henceforth UNL), University of Orléans (henceforth UO), and the Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (henceforth VILNIUS TECH).

The EMINENT master’s programme is supported by the European Commission Erasmus+ Programme under the Grant Agreement GAP-101128051-1 and in full compliance with the EMJM action.

### 1. Scope

*The student* has been selected by the EMINENT consortium to participate in the EMJM-EMINENT programme (worth 120 ECTS<sup>1</sup>; having a duration of two academic years of full-time study) for the academic session 2024 - 2026 in accordance with the rights and obligations stipulated below. *The student* has been selected to receive a scholarship in accordance with section 3 of this agreement.

### 2. Admission

The student declares

- a. to have met the necessary requirements to be admitted to the programme, according to § 5 in the *Examination Regulations for the European Master on Embedded Intelligence Nanosystems Engineering – from Nanoscale Technologies to Ubiquitous Smart Sensors (EMINENT)*.
- b. to have provided true and authentic information during all stages of the application and registration process
- c. to have never been granted an Erasmus Mundus Master Scholarship or another scholarship

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<sup>1</sup> <https://education.ec.europa.eu/levels/higher-education/inclusion-connectivity/european-credit-transfer-accumulation-system>

funded by the European Commission.

- d. to refuse any other scholarship or bursary funded by the European Commission under other EU Funded programmes while receiving the Erasmus Mundus Master Scholarship to avoid double funding.
- e. to provide the documentation and information necessary for processing the scholarship and its administration.

### **3. Financial Management**

#### **3.1 Tuition**

No tuition fees will be requested from students participating in the EMINENT programme (with or without a scholarship). Ancillary fees may be charged in accordance with the respective university regulations (e.g., semester fees at USIEGEN covering the semester ticket, solidary contributions and social contributions to the Student Union). Up-to-date information on the collection of additional contributions is published on the EMINENT website.

#### **3.2 Contribution to insurance costs**

The consortium will provide the necessary insurance of the student under the Erasmus+ programme according to the “Minimum Requirements for the health and accident insurance coverage provided under EMJM”. To do so, the coordinating institution will contract an insurance policy for the students for the whole duration of his/her participation in the programme. This insurance includes health, liability and accident insurance. All details on the insurance coverage and general conditions will be provided to the student before he/she starts his/her studies. For further insurance beyond these minimum requirements, it is recommended that the student takes out additional insurance at his/her own expense.

The Consortium shall supply the student with detailed information about the specific risks existing in the environment in which he/she will be studying.

#### **3.3 Contribution to individual needs of students with disabilities**

Contribution for individual needs is eligible if they fulfil the general eligibility conditions set in the grant agreement.

Enrolled students will declare what type of items/services are needed and their cost. The applicable unit cost will be identified as the rate corresponding to or immediately lower than the estimated expenses. This unit cost is a contribution and is not intended to fully cover the actual costs.

#### **3.4 Student Scholarship**

- 3.4.1 The student will receive a scholarship to cover subsistence, installation, travel and fees, granted by the European Commission to finance the participation in the EMINENT programme, starting in the academic year 2024/2025.

- 3.4.2 The student receives a scholarship of up to 33.600€ in total. The student receives a maximum of 24 instalments à 1.400€ per month, with a minimum of 12 instalments. The scholarship might be terminated as stated in 3.5.

The student receives a monthly sum of 1.400€. The sum will be transferred to the students' bank account in monthly instalment at the end of each month in advance for the next month. The scholarship will be transferred to a European bank account provided by the scholarship recipient. The student will open a personal European bank account in € currency if he/she does not already have one and will provide the full details of this account to the administrative coordinator at the University of Siegen. The account details must be forwarded before or immediately after the student arrives at his/her first semester institution. Changes of the bank account must be promptly forwarded.

- 3.4.3 The payment of the scholarship will start on the first day of the month the student will start his/her studies. If the student does not start his/her studies at the 1st day of a month the full month sum will be transferred. The difference is deduced from the final scholarship transfer. The scholarship will be terminated on the last official activity of the programme, i.e. the graduation ceremony, if not announced differently. If a student leaves the programme earlier, the scholarship will be terminated on the last day the student actively participates in a course. In case a scholarship holder has not finished his/her studies after 24 months, the scholarship will be terminated with the 24<sup>th</sup> payment.
- 3.4.4 The scholarship does not create or entitle an employer-employee relation between EMINENT and the student.

### **3.5 Termination of the Scholarship**

#### **3.5.1 Academic shortcoming**

To keep the scholarship after the first year, the grant holder must successfully pass the modules of the first two semester with an average grade of 2.7 (in the German grading system). If the student fails to reach the goal, the student will be interviewed by the EMINENT Steering Committee to explain the non-achievement. In addition, the opinion of the student's Academic Tutor (see section 5.3) on the student's potential shall be requested. The EMINENT Steering Committee will decide on the continuation of the scholarship. In case the Steering Committee has decided to terminate the scholarship for a student, the student must be informed at least 6 weeks before the payment is cancelled.

#### **3.5.2 Drop-out of the programme**

In case a student drops out of the programme, the student is not eligible to receive any payment from the month on he/she is not enrolled anymore in the programme. The payment received for the month of the exmatriculation must be returned to the Consortium Coordinator within 10 days.

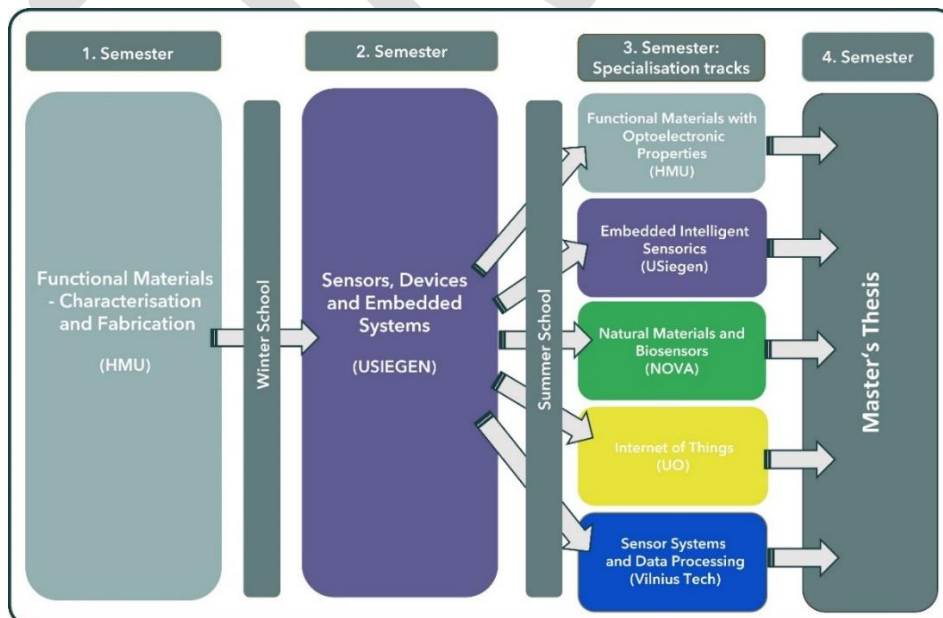
### 3.5.3 Violation of the code of conduct

In cases of misconduct and violations of the code of conduct mentioned in 6.2, the EMINENT Steering Committee may decide, after hearing the student, to terminate the scholarship immediately. The payment received for the month of the termination must be returned to the Consortium Coordinator within 10 days.

## 4. Content

### 4.1 Study track and mobility

The student must at least spend two study periods in two countries with a minimum of one academic semester each. These two countries must be different from the country of residence of the student at enrolment stage. Each of the two mandatory study periods must correspond to a workload of at least one academic semester (30 ECTS credits or equivalent). Compulsory mobility periods cannot be replaced by virtual mobility (distance learning). The student must achieve a total of 120 ECTS. The study path is outlined below. All students spend their first semester at the Hellenic Mediterranean University (HMU) in Greece and the second semester at the University of Siegen (USIEGEN). In the beginning of the second semester students will choose their specialisation track and therewith their host university during the third semester. Students whose state of residence, at the time of enrolment, was Greece or Germany, must spend their third semester (specialisation track) and/or their fourth semester (master thesis) at VILNIUS TECH, UO or UNL in order to cover the minimum requirement of two full-semester mobilities (see above). In case the student decides to spend the fourth semester at a different partner university as the one he/she is currently staying at, he/she needs to inform the EMINENT Examination Committee (see *Examination Regulations* § 4,3) by the 30<sup>st</sup> of November of the respective year. All important dates of the academic year (including Welcome Days, lecture periods, exam periods, Summer and Winter Schools) will be given on the EMINENT website.



## **4.2 Examinations**

All matters regarding examination are set out in the “*Examination Regulations for the European Master on Embedded Intelligence Nanosystems Engineering – from Nanoscale Technologies to Ubiquitous Smart Sensors (EMINENT)*”.

## **4.3 Complaints and appeals**

The EMINENT Examination Committee is responsible for deciding on appeals against decision made in examination proceedings as outlined in the EMINENT examination regulations.

Any other complaints shall be directed to the respective facility of the concerned institution. Complex requests might be appealed to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will consider the complaint or request.

## **4.4 Language**

The language of the courses is English for the whole duration of the EMINENT programme. All examinations shall be conducted in English language.

## **4.5 Master’s certificate**

When the student has successfully completed the EMINENT programme, he/she will be awarded the academic degree “Master of Science “(M.Sc.), a joint master’s degree in “Embedded Intelligence Nanosystems Engineering” with single diploma parchment issued by the partner universities the student has spent at least one semester and earned at least 30 ECTS during his/her participation in the programme.

# **5. Student Support Service**

## **5.1 International Relations Offices**

Each partner university is committed to welcome international students, to assist them in registration procedures and to provide them with information about accommodation facilities. The International Relations Offices at each partner institution will help students to find their way around the university and will assist in questions about visas, accommodation, and mobility. In addition, the student will receive the “How To Get Around EMINENT” manual containing all necessary contacts and practical information. At the beginning of each winter semester, the EMINENT Foreign Student Support Office at HMU, will organise a Welcome Day for the new cohort of EMINENT students. During that day, students will meet each other and receive the most important information regarding the programme, including the programme’s structure, the offered facilities, and the scheduled mobility throughout. In addition, a similar Welcome Day will be organised at each partner institution in the beginning of the second and third semester to welcome their new students.

## **5.2 Website**

Information on the programme, the universities, the lecturers and latest news connected to the EMINENT programme are given on the programme's website: <https://eminent-master.eu>.

### 5.3 Mentoring

The EMINENT Mentoring System is carried out on two levels:

- At the beginning of their studies, students are assigned an Academic Tutor. The academic tutor will advise on academic issues such as specialisation coaching. Students will keep their academic tutor throughout their first three semesters where communication will take place virtually or face-to-face. After the third semester, the supervisors of the master's thesis take over this task.
- At each partner institution where a student is staying, he/she is assigned a local Student Buddy who is not a student of the EMINENT programme but who has been studying at the respective university for at least one year. The Student's Buddy will help and assist EMINENT students to get integrated into campus life and within the local society during the mobility period.

## 6. Participation

### 6.1 Attendance

The student commits to duly attend the EMINENT programme, including the prescribed courses, examinations and Summer/Winter Schools.

The student may attend the graduation ceremony at the institution he/she is staying last at or might take part in the graduation ceremony of one of the partner institutions he/she has spent at least one semester and earned at least 30 ECTS.

The student shall follow the rules for attendance and discipline in place in each of the EMINENT institutions that the student attends, following the students' individual study track, if not stated otherwise in the *Examination Regulations*.

### 6.2 Code of Conduct

The student hereby commits to:

- a. If applicable: Take all necessary measures to obtain a visa, and apply for their residence permit from the national and local authorities upon their arrival in the host countries
- b. to participate in the orientation and welcome meetings / courses as well as informative and official meetings and events
- c. to attend assiduously, and with the objective of successfully passing, the courses, seminars, laboratories, thesis, and Winter / Summer schools inherent to the EMINENT programme
- d. behave in an ethical way. The student does not commit any fraudulent acts, does not cheat, falsify or plagiarise any academic work
- e. respectfully use the access to equipment and installations and handle them with greatest care. The student will not perform any unauthorized access or violation of departmental,

- school or institution rules.
- f. fulfil all administrative requirements established by the EMINENT Coordinating institution and all consortium partners by due date.
  - g. inform the Consortium as soon as possible of any events of circumstances likely to affect the Student Agreement.
  - h. provide information and documentation that support the reporting obligations of the consortium and its institution regarding the EMJM and its mobility requirements
  - i. to take part in QA surveys/evaluations conducted by the consortium and/or the European Commission/EACEA

Any incident against the above stipulated commitments will be treated by the respective authorities and/or the Steering Committee.

### **6.3 Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association**

*The student* is strongly encouraged to join the Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA). More information is given on the association's website: <http://www.em-a.eu/>

### **6.4 Exclusion from the EMINENT programme**

The student might be excluded from the EMINENT programme if:

- a. the student is subject to disciplinary measures leading to their exclusion from the EMINENT programme
- b. the student is subject to legal prosecutions that prevents the attendance of the programme
- c. the student withdraws from the EMINENT programme on their own will or by force majeure
- d. the student does not meet the academic requirement as set in the examination rules

The procedure, including the appeal and exclusion procedure, is subject to the rules and regulations of the institution the student is staying at the time of the decision of exclusion, involving the Steering Committee.

Upon exclusion, the student shall in due time and before the departure pay all outstanding costs.

## **7. Modification of the Contract**

Any alteration to the present contract must be communicated in writing. Upon mutual agreement of contractual modifications, EMINENT will issue an addendum to the present agreement.

## **8. Data protection**

The European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), in the context of managing the Erasmus Mundus Joint master's degrees, collects and processes the personal data of some of



the candidates. In particular, certain data of the scholarship holders, non-scholarship holders and reserve list candidates is shared with the Agency through the *EACEA Mobility Tool* and treated according to the following [privacy statement](#).

### 9. Intellectual Property

The student agrees that the consortium may store the master’s thesis either as a hardcopy or as electronic version.

### 10. Duration of the contract

The student agreement is valid from the academic years of 2024 /2025 for as long as the student is enrolled in the EMINENT programme.

If the student fails to provide evidence of fulfilling the agreement, the payment of the scholarship will be terminated according to the reasons stipulated in 3.5 and the student might be excluded from the EMINENT programme.

### Signatures

Both parties have read and accept the conditions defined above.

The student agrees with the terms of this contract by signature. Signed in twofold.

#### The Student

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Name, Surname

Signature

Place, Date

#### The Programme Director

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Prof. Dr.-Ing. Peter Haring Bolívar

Signature

Place, Date