ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTER IN RESILIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL CONTEXTS: INFORMATION SESSION

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(mini) Introduction Before FLOURISH…

Psychology degree

My bachelor's in Psychology gave me the foundation: how people grow, cope and adapt.

Youth & NGO work

I worked with young people through NGO in Indonesia.

Frontline experience

Working with street-connected children showed me resilience up close, and made me want to study it.

Why FLOURISH?



A full scholarship

It made an international master's possible for me.

Several countries, one degree

Learning inside different education systems, not just reading about them.

The right topic

Resilience in education connected directly to my work with vulnerable group.

My Application Journey



2022

Found the programme

How I found it:
https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/erasmus-mundus-catalogue_en

https://flourishproject.mt/

2022

Gathered documents

Passport, Transcripts (translated to English), CV –Europass format, language certificate (IELTS), Motivation Letter, 2 Recommendation Letters

January, 2023

Submitted

One online application to University of Malta

12 April 2023

Interview

21 April 2023

The results

What the Programme Looked Like

SEMESTER 1

University of Malta

October - January

SEMESTER 2

University of Crete

Rethymno, Greece
February - June

SEMESTER 3

University of Lisbon

Lisbon, Portugal
September - Dec

SEMESTER 4 · THESIS

Indonesia

Focus: Educators' experience in promoting resilience amongst marginalized students of "Save Street Child" Community in Indonesia

Life Outside the Classroom

Housing

How I found a place in each city, and what I'd recommend.

Visas & paperwork

Residence permits and registration in each country.

Living on the scholarship

What it covered, and how I budgeted month to month.

My cohort

Classmates from all over the world became my support system.



The Hard Parts, and How I Coped

THE CHALLENGE	WHAT HELPED
Moving every semester	Packing light and treating each move as a fresh start
Paperwork in every country	Communicate with Professors and International Office
Different academic cultures	Asking lecturers early what they expect from assignments, Start assignments early
Being far from home	My cohort, regular calls home and local communities, being open to new experience

My Thesis Research

Educators' Experience in Promoting Resilience Amongst Marginalized Students of the 'Save Street Child' Community in Indonesia

6

semi-structured interviews with non-formal educators

4

systems explored: built and natural environmental, social and psychological

1st

academic conference talk (AIMC 2026, Malta)

Supervised by Dr. Madeline Sultana Duca (University of Malta) and Prof. Celeste Simões (University of Lisbon)

Where It Took Me

THE DEGREE

My master's degree

VIVA in July 2025

WORK

Social Support Officer

homeless shelter, supporting their development towards independent lives.

MY WORK NOW

Inclusion & equity office

Supporting International students and student with diverse needs

What I Would Do If I Apply for Next Cohort

1. **Start early**
   Give yourself months, not weeks, for documents and references.

2. **Tell one clear story**
   Connect your past, this programme and your future plans.

3. **Choose referees who know you**
   A detailed letter beats a famous name.

4. **Plan for the move, not just the degree**
   Visas, housing and budgets take time too.

Check the official website

Deadlines, eligibility and scholarship rules change every year. Always confirm them on the programme's own site.

https://flourishproject.mt/

Thank you! Terima kasih!

Questions?



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