



**MESPOM**  
**Masters in**  
**Environmental**  
**Sciences, Policy**  
**and Management**

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## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2016-2018**

The MESPOM Consortium of six universities – Lund University (Sweden), the University of Manchester (UK), Central European University (Hungary), the University of the Aegean (Greece), the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (USA), and the University of Saskatchewan (Canada) – invites applications for the **Erasmus Mundus Masters course in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management (MESPOM)** for 2016-2018.

### **Overview**

The MESPOM study programme is aimed at preparing international environmental professionals and interdisciplinary researchers to respond to environmental challenges, with advanced scientific knowledge and effective policy and management strategies. The MESPOM Consortium combines Nordic, Mediterranean, Western and Central European, as well as North American, scholarly and professional traditions. The Consortium partners have many decades of combined experience in delivering interdisciplinary environmental courses, creating a solid platform for a high quality, integrated and globally relevant Masters course. Since launching MESPOM in 2005, the partner Universities have perfected a highly integrated and comprehensive curriculum based on their complementary core competencies (Central European University – environmental policy; Lund University – industrial environmental strategies; the University of Manchester – pollution control; and the University of the Aegean – ecosystems management).

### **Programme structure**

The 20 month (120 ECTS credits) programme consists of four semesters: three taught and one research. The first two semesters are delivered at Central European University with contributions from other partners. At the end of the second semester, a module on Ecosystems Management is delivered by the University of the Aegean at their campus on the Island of Lesbos in Greece. During the third semester, students choose to specialize in Environmental Sciences and Pollution Control at the University of Manchester, or Environmental Policy and Management at Lund University. The fourth semester is dedicated to a thesis research project, which a student can conduct from any of the six partner Universities.

In addition to providing academic training, MESPOM exposes students to European and international networks of environmental institutions, which assists in career orientation. Many students also combine thesis projects with internships in international organizations, governments, NGOs or the private sector.

## MESPOM Students

In order to create a multicultural learning environment, MESPOM strives to achieve a balance between various geographic and disciplinary backgrounds. The 346 MESPOM students admitted in 2005-2015 come from over 70 countries across five continents.

## Career opportunities

MESPOM alumni now address environmental challenges through governments, the UN, academia, industry and the non-profit sector worldwide. Many have chosen to return to their home countries whereas others have stayed in Europe, particularly to pursue PhD degrees. The careers of MESPOM graduates are showcased [here](#).

## Financial aid

MESPOM offers diverse forms of [financial assistance](#), including tuition fee waivers and living stipends for outstanding students.

## Entry requirements

MESPOM invites applications from individuals from all countries. Successful applicants must have a good first degree (a Bachelor or analogue) in a subject related to environmental sciences, policy or management, in the natural or social sciences, engineering or management. Candidates with other first degrees will also be considered if they show commitment to environmental challenges, usually through voluntary or professional work. All applicants should demonstrate proficiency in English. Admission to MESPOM is highly competitive, and is based on the academic and intellectual excellence of applicants as well as their motivation and prior experience.

Central European University organizes the application process on behalf of the MESPOM Consortium. All applications for the 2016-2018 study period should be submitted online, along with the necessary documents, by the following deadlines:

- **February 4, 2016:** For individuals applying for financial aid
- **May 3, 2016:** For self-financing applicants

More information on the application process can be found [here](#).

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## Contact and additional information

Additional information is available at [www.mespom.eu](http://www.mespom.eu) or by writing to the MESPOM Consortium Coordinator ([coordinator@mespom.eu](mailto:coordinator@mespom.eu)). Interested candidates are encouraged to use the Facebook group [Study at MESPOM](#) to find answers to their questions about the programme.