



Erasmus+

ONH

Oslo New
University
College

FULLY FUNDED ONE-SEMESTER SCHOLARSHIP AT OSLO NEW UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (ONH), NORWAY

Are you interested in **Cross-Cultural Research** or **Peace and Conflict Studies**? Are you registered for an MSc or MA at **Egerton University**? If so, you may be eligible to study for **one semester in Norway**.

An opportunity has arisen for **four (4)** students to spend a full semester at **Oslo New University College (ONH), Norway**, starting in **August 2026**.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Be **Kenyan citizens** currently registered for an **MA or MSc degree** at Egerton University.
2. Commit to take **three (3)** courses at ONH as part of their Master degree programme at Egerton University:
 - o *Cross-Cultural Psychology*
 - o *Research in Practice*
 - o One **optional course** selected from ONH's available offerings.
3. Be willing to contribute to the **Erasmus+ Project** (described below) by developing their master's research within the fields of **Cross-Cultural Issues** (broadly defined) or **Peace and Conflict Studies**.
4. Meet all application deadlines and requirements as outlined below.
5. Meet the **social inclusion and fewer opportunities** criteria as set by the Erasmus+ KA171-HED Programme (see guidelines).

Programme Background

Egerton University and ONH signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** in November 2022 and a **Partnership Agreement** in August 2025. This opportunity arises from our collaboration under the **Erasmus+ KA171 Programme**, themed "*Holistic Approaches to Conflict Management and Peace Building*."

This **fully funded scholarship** covers **tuition, travel, visa, accommodation, and living costs**. We invite applications from students passionate about contributing to the programme's goal of advancing **cross-cultural peacebuilding research and practice**. The scholarship aligns with the following three thematic areas:

1. Social and psychological aspects of conflict and peacebuilding
2. Natural resource aspects of conflict and peacebuilding
3. Legal and gendered aspects of conflict and peacebuilding

Applicants should select **one theme** that best fits their research interest.

The Erasmus Project

Building Locally Relevant Platforms for Dialogue and Peace Building among Communities in Heavily Politicised Resource Conflicts

This applied research project began in the **River Rongai area, Nakuru County**, and aims to strengthen community-based dialogue and peacebuilding initiatives. The next phase seeks to expand the research focus through a **cross-cultural approach**, encompassing other regions in Kenya or beyond.

The project recognises that addressing resource-based conflicts requires a **holistic and gender-sensitive approach** rooted in local knowledge, culture, and customary problem-solving mechanisms. Climate change, demographic shifts, and political pressures have increased livelihood challenges—making research collaboration vital.

Students selected will conduct their **master's thesis research** in alignment with these themes and will form part of an **Erasmus Core Group**, collaborating with Egerton and ONH staff on fieldwork, data sharing, and dissemination activities.

About Oslo New University College (ONH)

ONH is a friendly, internationally oriented higher education institution located in the heart of **Oslo, Norway**. It offers ten bachelor's and one master's degree programmes. For exchange and study-abroad students, ONH hosts the **Oslo Semester** within its Peace and Conflict and International Studies Programme.

Courses are **taught in English**. Beyond classroom learning, Erasmus scholars will visit institutions such as the **Nobel Peace Center**, international development agencies, and research centres, gaining exposure to Norway's vibrant academic and cultural landscape.

Further information about ONH: <https://oslonyeohyskole.no/english/about-oslo-new-university-college> Information about Oslo and Norway: <https://www.visitoslo.com/en/>

Application Process

STEP 1: Expression of Interest

Deadline: *Friday, 30th January 2026, 1700 hours EAT*

Submit a **100-word Expression of Interest** for the Erasmus+ Scholarship at ONH

Attach your **Bachelor's degree certificate and transcripts**.

The above should be a single file PDF format

Shortlisted candidates will be notified by **Tuesday, 03 February 2026**.

STEP 2: Concept Note and Motivation Letter

Deadline: *Tuesday, 10 February 2026, 1700 hours EAT*

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to submit:

- A **Motivation Letter** outlining personal goals, career aspirations, and alignment with the scholarship objectives. *How my research and participation in this scholarship will contribute to the Erasmus+ Project.*
- A **Concept Note (max. 500 words)** on a *coarse MA /MSc research thesis concept* outlining a title, broad and specific objective, and brief methodological approach in line with the Erasmus+ project described above)

Please note: Applications will be reviewed for authenticity and originality. **AI-generated or AI-edited submissions will be disqualified.**

STEP 3: Interviews

Dates: *Between 15–20 February 2026* (Exact times to be confirmed)

Shortlisted applicants will attend **in-person or virtual interviews** to assess academic motivation, adaptability, and alignment with Erasmus+ values of **mobility, inclusivity, and excellence in higher education.**

Four successful candidates and three alternates (on a waiting list) will be announced within **one week** after interviews.

Submission and Contact Details

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