Eligible ASEM Members: 51 in total

30 EUROPEAN member countries:
- Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Norway, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the U.K.

21 ASIAN member countries:
- Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Myanmar, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Laos, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam

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ASEM-DUO
Fellowship Programme

for Students, Teachers and Professors in ASEM Region

The ASEM-DUO Fellowship Programme:
balanced exchange through PAIRING

The ASEM-DUO, funded by the ASEM members, is a fellowship-granting programme for university students and teachers in ASEM member countries who will engage in two-way educational exchanges between Asian and European institutions (i.e., Asian to Europe, European to Asia) for further study, research, or joint lecture. For this purpose, the ASEM-DUO requires that a PAIR (DUO – one from Asia and the other from Europe) of students or teachers enter into exchanges.

Achievement

Over the past fourteen years, there have been the exchanges of some 3,000 students and professors between Asia and Europe under the ASEM-DUO, and its popularity is growing and competition rate is high (the average 4:1).

The supported exchanges seem to have been firmly established, since more than 90% of programmes continued exchanges even after the financial support of the ASEM-DUO was terminated.

Each year, approximately 200 students and professors are supported.

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Core Principles

The ASEM-DUO Fellowship Programme is basically an umbrella programme for individual programmes to be determined by contributing members (which are making financial contributions for the fellowship). However, all these programmes are governed by a set of Core Principles.

Pairing of exchanges

(two students or two teachers) between two establishments, in the framework of a cooperation project.

Standardized stay duration in “unit”

• for students, 1 unit is one semester (4-6 months)
• for professors/teachers, 1 unit is one (1) month

Fellowship Amount

• between 3,000 and 6,000 euros for an exchange of 2 teachers for a period of one month
• between 1,000 and 2,000 euros for an exchange of 2 students for each month in a semester

Currently, no DUO-programmes restrict the use of the fellowship; it can finance the tuition, living or travel expenses. Also, as long as they are within the awarded academic year, the period of exchange and majors do not necessarily have to coincide for each pair.

Secretariat for ASEMDUO Fellowship Programme

The Secretariat is located in downtown Seoul and is the window of the ASEM-DUO Fellowship Programme. For further information, please visit http://www.asemduo.org

Recommendation from the Alumni

“The Chinese University of Hong Kong is almost like a little world of its own. There is a lot of extracurricular activities and lots of possibilities to make the most out of the studies there. In the first weeks, a big fair was held at the main campus area, where all the clubs, societies and organizations could show what they did and try to gain the interest from new students. It was everything from rowing teams, lighting clubs, music bands, debate teams and cooking classes. It was almost to much fun things to choose from.”

by Jonas Folliard Blom,
DUO-Sweden-Sweden

“Being proactive in saying ‘hi’ and making friends with others helped to widen my knowledge about the world, the different cultures and information I wouldn’t have been able to learn in school. Through the friends I have made in Sweden, I learnt a lot about the different countries and how they grew up, and grew to become very inspired through the stories and experiences they told.”

by Kauk Oleh Min Y.
DUO-Sweden-Singapore

“One of the most fun times was when me and my friend decided to try every kind of typical Korean food, we were able to taste fantastic dishes in every famous Korean restaurants in Seoul. It was amazing how we could understand Korean culture from its food. It was really fun and interesting to learn this type of thing from the owners of the restaurant and while chatting.”

by Vivien Largo,
DUO-Korea (Italy)

“Meet Richu. Richu was one of my first friends in India. Richu taught me a very valuable thing about friendship. In India there’s no need for saying ‘thank you’. You know your friends and they know you so why say thank you? They know you’re grateful. They see it in your eyes or they express it by hugging each other. It was an eye-opener to see how Indians interact with each other.”

by Joris Van V.
DUO-Belgium/Flanders (Belgium/Flanders)

“Ghent is beautiful and peaceful city. I don’t know how can explain that how much I love this city. Live, study and join the activities in Ghent gave me a lot of unforgettable memories and experience. I come from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The weather is always hot all the year. The weather in Belgium is very cold for me. Many people said that it was autumn season, event not winter. I was worried about the winter coming. Now, I love the weather in Ghent.”

by Pham Hong Trong My,
DUO-Belgium/Flanders (Vietnam)

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Application & Selection

The period of call for proposal differs from one another among different DUO-Programmes. The selection is announced in approximately 6-8 weeks from the application deadline. Individual DUO-Programmes carry different applications forms which can be downloaded from the homepage at http://www.asemduo.org. Depending on the programme, either professors or International Officers from institutions are responsible as contact persons in completing and submitting forms by the deadline. Each contributing member has its own committee to evaluate and select the awardees. As soon as the result is at hand, the Secretariat will post the announcement on the news board in the homepage at http://www.asemduo.org.