

A photograph of a stone wall with a window and a flag. The wall is made of light-colored, rectangular stone blocks. A window with a dark frame and a dark curtain is visible in the upper left. A flag with a white star on a dark background is flying on a pole on the right side. The image is partially overlaid by a dark blue banner at the bottom.

EU CAREERS STUDENT AMBASSADOR

SELECTION OF EU CAREERS
STUDENT AMBASSADOR FOR THE
ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

SEM

Servizzi Ewropej f' Malta

INTRODUCTION

Servizzi Ewropej f'Malta (SEM), as the government agency tasked with promoting EU Careers in Malta, is inviting all interested undergraduate and postgraduate students presently enrolled at the University of Malta to submit their application for the voluntary role of EU Careers Student Ambassador for the academic year 2022-2023.

The chosen EU Careers Student Ambassador will join the EU Careers Student Ambassadors programme - an EU-wide programme that acts as a direct link between the EU and universities in the EU Member States to help inform and attract prospective graduates in pursuing a career in one of the EU institutions.

The programme is managed by the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO) - an interinstitutional office responsible for selecting staff for the EU institutions and agencies. EPSO acts as a trusted matchmaker between the EU institutions and high performing professionals and graduates. In addition to selecting candidates, EPSO is also tasked with disseminating information on employment opportunities across the different EU institutions and agencies.

One student from each of the universities participating in the programme is selected by EPSO, to act as a voluntary EU Careers Student Ambassador. In their role as EU Careers Student Ambassadors, selected students find out more about EU Career opportunities through training provided by EPSO and are tasked with promoting EU Careers to their fellow students.

Locally, both the University of Malta and MCAST participate in this programme. For each academic year, two students - one from each institution - are selected by EPSO to act as EU Careers Student Ambassadors following a national selection identifying the most suitable candidates. The selected student ambassadors are then tasked with promoting EU Careers in the respective institutions, as well as outside of these institutions through joint or independent efforts.

THE ROLE OF EU CAREERS STUDENT AMBASSADOR

The overall role of an EU Careers Student Ambassador is to act as the point of contact for students interested in EU Careers at the University of Malta and to promote the different EU career opportunities that are available to students once they graduate.

As an EU Careers Student Ambassador, one is encouraged to be creative and innovative when promoting the different opportunities that the EU institutions have to offer, including through:

- attending careers fairs, or giving presentations to fellow students
- developing university networks and providing information
- maintaining an active online and social media presence
- answering questions about EU Careers

Throughout the role as EU Careers Student Ambassador, the student can create their own plan of activities and initiatives to reach as many students as possible and effectively promote EU Careers across campus. The student's plan can include any of the above-mentioned activities as well as any other initiatives such as speaking on university media, writing articles on university newspapers as well as attending any events outside of campus.

Having said this, SEM will be there to provide any guidance and support that the student ambassador may require in promoting EU careers through social media exposure and to collaborate on joint initiatives.

The right candidate for the role of EU Careers Student Ambassador should have excellent communication and networking skills, is well organised and has a strong willingness to share and learn on different topics.

WHY SHOULD ONE APPLY TO BE AN EU CAREERS STUDENT AMBASSADOR?

The role of EU Careers Student Ambassador is an excellent opportunity for a student to be able to build a fantastic student network across Europe, gain relevant work experience and develop their skills in public speaking, and marketing.

At the beginning of this role, a large-scale event is hosted by EPSO that will bring together different student ambassadors from across Europe and provide them with a full induction training. This will either be taking place over two days in an in-person event held in Brussels, Belgium or through an online event held over one day[1].

An added benefit to the role of EU Careers Student Ambassador, is that at the end of the academic year students receive a reference letter from the head of EPSO detailing their performance throughout the year. This is an excellent and unique opportunity that can help them land their desired job after university!

[1] This will depend on the Covid-19 situation as well as any travel restrictions.



THE ELIGIBILITY AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ROLE OF EU CAREERS STUDENT AMBASSADOR

For students to be eligible to participate in this programme they must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

1. Must be an EU Citizen[1].
2. Fluent in Maltese and English.
3. Available to take part in EPSO's compulsory one-day training course in October 2022.
4. Enrolled and present at the University of Malta for the duration of the Ambassador's post (October 2022 - September 2023).

Students interested in applying for this role must also commit to fulfilling the minimum requirements established by EPSO should they be selected for the role. These minimum requirements are as follows:

1. Commit at least two hours per week to the ambassador role[2];
2. Arrange or participate in a minimum of one EU Careers event or presentation;
3. Communicate on a regular basis with the EU Careers coordinator at SEM;
4. Participate in all training offered (online); and
5. Keep a log of activities and report back to EPSO regularly.

Outside of these minimum requirements, students can decide for themselves how much more promotion can they fit alongside their academic studies. As stated above, SEM will also be able to support the student ambassador in the planning and execution of any promotional activities. This includes, but is not limited to, accompanying SEM officials when participating in local tv or radio programmes, or during large scale events such as Fresher's week.

[1] Any EU citizen is any national of an EU Member State. Non-Maltese EU nationals who fulfil the other requirement of the eligibility criteria are welcome to apply.

[2] Kindly note that this is not a set time, and we understand that this may vary per week according to the different tasks related to the role as well as study commitments.



APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

All students interested in applying for the voluntary role of EU Careers Student Ambassador are invited to fill in the application form by following the link provided [here](#).

The deadline for submission of applications is on March 20, 2022. Kindly note that any late submissions will not be acknowledged.

All submissions shall be reviewed and assessed by an internal board at SEM. Following this assessment, the board will shortlist potential candidates for the role of EU Careers Student Ambassador. Shortlisted candidates will then be contacted by SEM by end of April.

These candidates will then be presented to EPSO for it to select the official EU Careers Student Ambassador for the University of Malta for the academic year 2022 to 2023.

The overall selection procedure is expected to be finalised by May, and the successful candidate will be contacted accordingly by EPSO.

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