



NEWSLETTER 2/2019

MSc Urban Climate and Sustainability

The MSc Urban Climate and Sustainability will produce high calibre graduates equipped with skills and knowledge to assess and manage climate change in the urban environment in a sustainable manner.

Coordinator:

- Glasgow Caledonian University (UK)

Partners:

- Lahti University of Applied Sciences (FI)
- University of Huelva (ES)

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What has happened until now

The MUrCS 2018 cohort had successfully finished the first academic year of studies together and had moved to the second year to study separately all three locations of country partners and start writing the theses on the chosen research topics.

The Consortium-Industry Liaison Group (CILG) meeting took place in May 2019 in Lahti, Finland, where all educational partners had met with institutional and business partners at the premises of Lahti University of Applied Sciences. The details of the meeting are going to be summarized in this newsletter.

In addition, MUrCS 2019 cohort had been chosen through the application process in Spring 2019 and in September 2019 the students started their studies in Glasgow and will continue their studies in Lahti during the spring semester. Details of the application process are going to be spared here.

The CILG meeting

Finnish local and regional stakeholders from private and public sector together with industry representatives from Spain and United Kingdom were invited to participate in the meeting and discuss opportunities to offer Master thesis projects and summer training opportunities to MUrCS students. The event went very fruitfully and successfully, with the attendees commenting very favorably on the course as well as spending time discussing opportunities with the students.



Photo 2. MUrCS cohort 2019 (Sari Horn)

MUrCS 2019 Application Process

The second application round was held in fall 2018. The chosen cohort includes 18 students, out of which 61% (11) are women. Since only 37% of women from submitted full application applied, we can proudly say that our selection process was successful for women.



Meet



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Alexandra is our newly joined member of the MUrCS team. She is physically located in Lahti, Finland and she helps on the administrative matters. Being herself as a local alumni from international degree program with foreign background, she is an ultimate support on the student matters and organizing the environment for their studying.



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MUrCS application process 2019

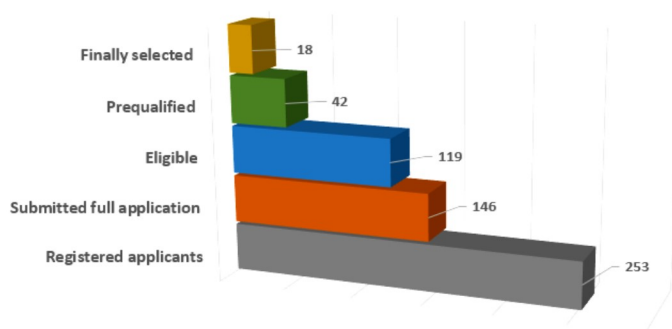


Figure 1. MUrCS Application Process 2019 (Hans Rosenlund)

What happens in academic year 2019-2020

The first cohort of MUrCS students will continue their studies at the chosen location during their second academic year.

The second cohort of MUrCS students has already started the studies at Glasgow Caledonian University and will continue their second semester at Lahti University of Applied Sciences in Finland.

The MUrCS group will start preparing for application and selection process for the intake 2020 as well the prepare the grounds for the next CILG meeting, which takes place in Huelva in spring 2020.

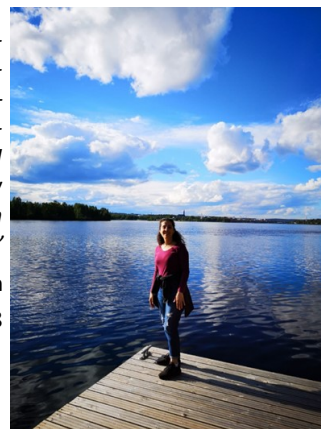
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What our students tell about MURCS:

"I've always heard about the Finnish educational system being the best in the world, until I experienced it by myself. The first semester in LAMK was great, the campus is designed in a way to increase student's comfort and wellbeing, with huge open areas and different spaces to study, socialise, eat and exercise. The courses in my program provided a great mixture of delivery through lectures, workshops, field visits and groupwork. I mostly enjoyed the field visits to Porvoo city, because I learned valuable information on Finnish urban planning systems. The most memorable part of my stay in Finland, would be having the chance to grow my connection with nature, transitioning from being covered in snow in January to a heavenly green forest in June."

Ala Hamad, Jordan
MURCS Cohort 2018



"The MURCS experience has been nothing short of wonderful and life-changing. The modules have a lot to teach, and living in three uniquely different cities adds great perspective to the learning experience. The pre-requisites to the MURCS program (of having colleagues with a minimum of 3 years work experience from different backgrounds) offers much in terms of peer-to-peer learning as well. Overall, the first year of this program has been splendid, and I look forward to the second year."

Oliver Carlo, India
MURCS Cohort 2018



"My experience in MURCS has been an amazing journey in to a more conceit way of planning cities. I feel way more confident as an urban planner that is engaged to build a more sustainable city been able to collaborate with private and public sector. Understanding the new demandas and new challenges that the climate crisis has bright and align this acknowledgement with the progress of social and economic issues."

Paula Presser, Brazil
MURCS Cohort 2018



"My experience in Finland had much of an understanding of the alignment between the outer and the inner. I went through different levels of introspection as the seasons changed. I would say it is a process similar to a butterfly life cycle. From being dormant, enclosed in the shelter to feel free, embraced, and fed by nature. My favorite Finnish discoveries: sauna, silence, Sitra and berries. Kiitos paljon."

Thais Glowacki, Brazil
MURCS Cohort 2018

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