



Financial support scheme related to internationalisation

As stipulated in Section 7.51d of the Higher Education and Research Act (*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*, WHW); adopted by the Executive Board with the approval of the University Council.

Section 7.51d. Financial support related to internationalisation

1. The board of the institution can make provisions for the financial support of a student who is enrolled at the institution for an academic programme providing that he/she has not yet been awarded a degree for that programme, does not belong to the group of people referred to in Section 2.2 of the Student Finance Act 2000 (*Wet studiefinanciering 2000*) and does not have Surinamese nationality.
2. The board of the institution can make provisions for the financial support of a student who wishes to attend higher education outside the Netherlands.

Chapter 1 - Utrecht Excellence Scholarships

Article 1- Conditions for receiving a grant

1. Students are eligible for a grant, as referred to in Article 3, if they:
 - a. do not possess nationality of a country of the European Union or European Economic Area, Switzerland, or Suriname, and are liable to pay institutional tuition fees to Utrecht University;
 - b. have been educated to secondary school level or Bachelor's level at a non-Dutch institute;
 - c. are enrolled on an English taught and financed Master's degree programme at Utrecht University that starts on 1 September, on the Bachelor's degree programmes in Economics & Business Economics, Philosophy, Politics & Economics or Global Sustainability Science or at University College Utrecht;
 - d. (if applicable), qualify for a Dutch visa;
 - e. have been selected by the management of the Graduate School or the Undergraduate School or the dean of the UCU as the best-quality international candidate based on the following criteria:
 - they have obtained good to excellent academic results;
 - they are able to complete the programme in the available time.
2. Selected candidates who meet the conditions of the first paragraph will be offered a grant in the month of May preceding the academic year to which they have been admitted. Students may not apply for a grant on the basis of this scheme.

Article 2 – Determining the budget

1. Every year, the Executive Board will determine the budget for the grants covered by this scheme for each calendar year.
2. Based on the average total number of students enrolled on English-language programmes in the two preceding years, the Executive Board will distribute this budget among the graduate schools, the undergraduate schools of the relevant Bachelor's degree programmes and University College Utrecht.
3. Grants will only be awarded under the terms of this scheme to the extent that funds are available in the financial year in question.



Article 3 – Awarding and size of the grant

1. The grant is awarded for one academic year. The grant may be extended every year, for as long as the programme lasts.
2. The Graduate School or the Undergraduate School or the dean of the UCU, as the case may be, will determine the grants for the selected candidates:
 - platinum covers tuition fees + the required income linked to a residence permit for study as set by the Immigration and Naturalisation Service, for one year
 - gold covers tuition fees.
3. The decision amounts to the awarding of a gift.
4. The student will receive written notification of the decision. In the decision, the student will be informed that he/she may lodge an objection to it with the Executive Board.

Chapter 2 - Holland scholarships, incoming students

Article 4 - Conditions for receiving a grant

Students are eligible for a grant, as referred to in Article 6, if they:

- a. do not possess nationality of a country of the European Union or European Economic Area, Switzerland, or Suriname, and are liable to pay institutional tuition fees to Utrecht University;
- b. have been educated to secondary school level and Bachelor's level at a non-Dutch institute;
- c. are enrolled on an international and financed Master's degree programme at Utrecht University that starts on 1 September;
- d. (if applicable), qualify for a Dutch residence permit;
- e. have been selected by the Graduate School as the best-quality international candidate based on the following criteria:
 - they have obtained good to excellent academic results;
 - they are able to complete the programme in the available time;
 - they are able to afford the other costs of the degree programme.

Article 5 – Determining the budget

1. Every year, the Executive Board will determine the budget for the grants covered by this scheme for each calendar year.
2. Based on the average total number of students enrolled on English-language programmes in the two preceding years, the Executive Board will distribute this budget among the graduate schools.
3. Grants will only be awarded under the terms of this scheme to the extent that funds are available in the financial year in question

Article 6 – Awarding and size of the grant

1. The Graduate School will award the grant for a maximum of one academic year.
2. The grant consists of a gift of EUR 5,000.
3. The student will receive written notification of the decision. In the decision, the student will be informed that he/she may lodge an objection to it with the Executive Board.



Chapter 3 - Netherlands scholarships, outgoing students

Article 7 - Conditions for a scholarship

A condition for a scholarship referred to in Article 9 is that the student:

- a. is enrolled as a full-time student in a Bachelor's or Master's programme at the University Utrecht (UU),
- b. for a minimum period of 7 weeks and a maximum period of 12 months studies or conducts research at a partner institution of the UU outside the EU/EEA and is awarded a minimum of 10 credits that can be contributed become in the Bachelor's or Master's programme at Utrecht University,
- c. does not come from the country of the partner institution, and
- d. has an average study progress of at least 52.5 credits per year. However special circumstances of study delays caused shall be taken into account, especially for those students for which graduation aid or additional performance grant has been awarded as well as board activities that been honoured with a board grant.

Article 8 – Determination of budget

1. Each year, the Executive Board shall determine the budget per academic year for the scholarships under this scheme.
2. On the basis of the available budget, the Director of the Department of Student Affairs, Education & Research determine how many scholarships are available per academic year.

Article 9 – Application

1. An application for a grant shall be submitted using the digital form established for that purpose. Submitted. The deadline for applying for the scholarship will be published on the website <https://students.uu.nl/onderwijs/studeren-in-het-buitenland/stap-1-orientatie/kosten-en-financiering/holland-scholarship>.
2. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.

Article 10 - Distribution of available grants

Students who have been selected to go to a UU partner institution outside Europe will be contacted to apply for the scholarship. The grants are then distributed according to the following priorities:

1. The students who go to the UU strategic partners (shared on the NS website).
2. Students participating in other strategic initiatives (shared in advance on the NS website).
3. Other persons going to a non-European (non EEA) destination (being a non Erasmus Scholarship destination).

The scholarships are awarded by drawing lots, with only 1 of the 3 group having a draw (first group 1 is handled, if there are grants left dan 2 and finally group 3).

Article 11 – Award and size of the grant

1. The Director of the Department of Student Affairs, Education & Research awards the scholarships to those who are designated a scholarship. The scholarship is awarded for a maximum of one academic year.
2. The grant consists of a donation of 2,500 euros.
3. The decision will be communicated to the student in writing. The decision shall include information that they may appeal against the decision with the Executive Board.

Chapter 4 - Final provisions

Article 12 – Entry into force

This modified scheme enters into force on 11 maart 2024.