



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 on 27 November 2017 and modified 28 June 2021.

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 - Holland scholarships, outgoing students

Article 7 - Conditions for receiving a grant

The conditions for receiving financial support, referred to in Article 9, are that the student concerned:

- a. is enrolled as a full-time student on a Bachelor's or Master's degree programme at Utrecht University,
- b. is studying or conducting research for a minimum period of 10 weeks and a maximum period of 12 weeks at a strategic partner institution of Utrecht University outside the EU/EEA¹ and will be awarded at least 15 credits that can count towards the Bachelor's or Master's degree programme at Utrecht University,
- c. does not originate from the country in which the partner institution is based and
- d. has achieved average study progress of at least 52.5 credits per year. In this, account will be taken of any delay in study progress caused by exceptional circumstances for which graduation support or an additional performance-related grant has been awarded and board participation activities for which a grant for board activities has been awarded.

Article 8 – Determining the budget

1. Every year, the Executive Board will determine the budget for the grants covered by this scheme for each academic year.
2. Based on the available budget, the Director of Academic Affairs will determine how many grants are available in each academic year.

Article 9 – Application

1. Applications for a grant must be submitted using the designated digital form. The deadline for applying for a grant will be published on the website <https://students.uu.nl/en/academics/study-abroad/funding-grants/holland-scholarship>.
2. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

¹ At the time of the scheme's inception (autumn 2017) there are three strategic partners approved by the Executive Board: University of Sydney, University of Toronto, Chinese University of Hong Kong.



Article 10 - Distribution of available grants

The grants will be awarded by means of a draw among applicants who meet the conditions stipulated in Article 7.

Article 11 – Awarding and size of the grant

1. The Director of Academic Affairs will award grants to those applicants successful in the draw. The grant will be awarded for a maximum of one academic year.
2. The grant consists of a gift of EUR 1,250.
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 4 - Final provisions

Article 12 – Entry into force

This modified scheme enters into force on 01 September 2021.