

Studying Abroad Finance and Scholarships

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Most important things to remember

- ❖ It is expensive
- ❖ Scholarships are available
- ❖ Deadlines vary
- ❖ Ask for help



Costs

The amount of money you will need depends on:

- ❖ Destination
- ❖ Tuition fees abroad
- ❖ Visa and residence permit costs
- ❖ Travel costs
- ❖ Rent
- ❖ Living costs
- ❖ Health and travel insurance
- ❖ Vaccinations
- ❖ Domestic travel costs



Budget tools

- ❖ [Wilweg website](#): Tips and advice for drawing up a budget and for scholarship opportunities.
- ❖ [Cost of Living](#): Largest cost of living database. Compare cost of living for different cities.
- ❖ [EU EURES portal](#): Information about working in an EU country and comparing the living conditions/costs.



Things to keep in mind

- ❖ For some scholarships demand is greater than supply.
- ❖ Eligibility differs per scholarship.
- ❖ Every scholarship has its own administrative procedures.
- ❖ Deadlines are strict.
- ❖ The application process often takes quite a long time.
- ❖ Apply for as many scholarships as possible that match your profile.
- ❖ In many cases you can combine multiple scholarships.
- ❖ Take enough time to search for scholarships.

Scholarship application procedure

- ❖ Make sure you meet **all** eligibility criteria.
- ❖ **Check** your application for possible (spelling) mistakes.
- ❖ Make sure your application is **complete**.
- ❖ Submit your application **on time**.
- ❖ **Deadlines** are **strict**.



Finding scholarship opportunities

Use the scholarship search engines:






- ❖ [Beursopener](#)
- ❖ [Scholarship portal](#)

Check the following websites:

- ❖ National organisation for education in your country of destination:
United Kingdom: [British Council](#)
Germany: [German Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\)](#)
Canada: [Education in Canada](#)
United States: [Fulbright.nl](#)
- ❖ Your host university or organisation
- ❖ Your faculty, department or study programme at Leiden University
- ❖ Leiden University's [scholarships website](#) (English) / [beurzenwebsite](#) (Dutch)
- ❖ [Leids Universiteits Fonds \(LUF\)](#)

Scholarship applications via uSis

- Please be aware most Leiden University scholarship applications will be through the online student portal (uSis).
- You can find possible scholarships with your exchange application (via ‘Scholarship tile’).
- Always be sure to follow instructions as shown in uSis carefully!

	Application	View
	Acceptance	View
	Scholarships	Submit
	During your stay	Submit
	Upon return	Submit



Main eligibility criteria (academic year 2023-2024)

- ❖ Bachelor and Master students.
- ❖ Study or traineeship in an Erasmus+ programme country within Europe (UK not included!).
- ❖ Enrolled and paying tuition fee at Leiden University.
- ❖ Permission from the Board of Examiners (*Examencommissie*).
- ❖ Fully recognised part of Leiden University degree.
- ❖ Duration: minimum 2 months and maximum 12 months.
- ❖ Maximum of twelve months per study cycle (Bachelor, Master).

More information

- ❖ Studies: <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/scholarships/sea/erasmus-for-studies>
- ❖ Traineeship: <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/scholarships/sea/erasmus-for-traineeships>



What do I need to submit and when?

- ❖ Apply for the Erasmus+ grant in uSis.

Deadline:

- ❖ At least **2 months** before to your Erasmus+ period for studies.
- ❖ At least **1 month** prior to your Erasmus+ period for traineeships.
- ❖ Fill out the Online Learning Agreement (“paper” version for internships).
- ❖ Have the (Online) Learning Agreement signed by both the responsible person at Leiden University and the receiving institution.
- ❖ After approval of the application, you will receive a Grant Agreement which you will have to sign and submit.
- ❖ The grant will be transferred to your bank account.
- ❖ During and after your mobility you will have to submit several documents.



How much?

- ❖ Studies: between € 270 and € 390 per month
- ❖ Traineeship: between € 390 and € 510 per month
 - ❖ for academic year 2023/2024 there is a maximum funded duration of 6 months

Additional financial support available for:

- ❖ Sustainable travel: lump sum of € 50
- ❖ Students with a diagnosed medical condition: € 250 per month
- ❖ Students with a DUO supplementary grant: € 250 per month



Note:

The awarded amount depends on the duration of your stay and the country of destination.

LUSTRA+

Main eligibility criteria

- ❖ Study, traineeship or research.
- ❖ Institution or a company outside Europe.
- ❖ Enrolled and paying tuition fee at Leiden University.
- ❖ Permission from the Board of Examiners (*Examencommissie*).
- ❖ Fully recognised part of the degree.
- ❖ Duration: minimum 14 days and maximum 12 months.
- ❖ Maximum of twelve months per study cycle (Bachelor, Master).



More information:

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/scholarships/sea/lustra>

LUSTRA+

What do I need to submit and when?

- ❖ Apply for the LUSTRA+ scholarship in uSis at least **2 weeks** prior to your period abroad.
- ❖ After approval of the application you will receive an Award Letter.
- ❖ The grant will be transferred to your bank account.

LUSTRA+

How much?

- ❖ 14 to 30 days € 200
- ❖ 31 days to 90 days € 300
- ❖ 91 days to 210 days € 450
- ❖ 211 days to 12 months € 650

The LUSTRA+ scholarship is a lump sum.

You will receive the awarded amount in one, single payment.



NL Scholarship - Outgoing

Note: only a limited amount of NL Scholarships are available. Demand is greater than supply.

Main eligibility criteria

- ❖ Study or research.
- ❖ Institution or a company outside the EEA.
- ❖ Enrolled and paying tuition fee at Leiden University.
- ❖ Fully recognised part of the degree - minimum of 10 study credits.
- ❖ Duration: minimum of 7 weeks and a maximum of 12 months.
- ❖ Application deadline: 1 April 2024.
- ❖ Start programme: between 1 April 2024 and 1 June 2025.
- ❖ Advanced master students are not eligible.

How much?

The NL Scholarship is a lump sum.

You will receive the amount of € 2.500 in one, single payment.

More information:

<https://www.student.universiteitleiden.nl/en/scholarships/sea/nl-scholarship-outgoing>

NL Scholarship - Outgoing

What do I need to submit and when?

- ❖ Apply for the NL scholarship in uSis before 1 April 2024.
- ❖ Selection by multistage draw (see website).
- ❖ If you have been selected for a scholarship you will receive an Award Letter.
- ❖ The grant will be transferred to your bank account.

Other Leiden based Scholarships

Especially Humanities has several scholarship options available.

❖ Please check website and consult your exchange coordinator.

Leiden University Fund (LUF)

❖ Several scholarship options available.

See: <https://www.student.universiteitleiden.nl/en/scholarships>

Minerva Scholarship Fund (MSF)

Toon Klarenbeek en Emiliya van Schilfgaarde

- ❖ Exclusive scientific projects abroad.
- ❖ All students from Leiden University are eligible to apply.
- ❖ All study programmes
- ❖ Selection procedure
- ❖ One off payment of € 750-1500,- depending on financial plan.
- ❖ **Deadline: 15 November and 15 April.**

What we expect of you

- ❖ A testimonial about your experience abroad!
- ❖ Possibly: participate in promoting the MSF on social media.

More information

- ❖ Website: www.minervascholarshipfund.com
- ❖ Instagram: @minervascholarshipfund, questions via 'Direct Message'
- ❖ LinkedIn: Minerva Scholarship Fund



If you cannot meet the deadline(s) for one or more of the required documents, please inform the Scholarships Team **as soon as possible** and **before the applicable deadline**

by sending an email to:

outbound@sea.leidenuniv.nl

Other sources of finance

- ❖ Rent out your room via [housinganywhere.com](https://www.housinganywhere.com).



If applicable:

- ❖ Contact [DUO](#) to continue receiving Dutch student finance.
- ❖ Financial compensation for [student travel pass](#) (OV-kaart).



Travel Sustainably if possible

Look for travel options well in advance for cheaper options for travel by train or bus.

For **tips and tricks** see

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/green-office/projects/information-guides/sustainable-train-and-bus-travel>

Apps which can help find travel options

- ❖ Trainline
- ❖ Omnio
- ❖ Rome2rio

Carbon Foot Print

Curious to know what the difference in carbon foot print is between different modes of transport? Try the carbon calculator:

<https://www.carbonfootprint.com/>



More information

Student & Educational Affairs
International Office | Scholarships Team

Website:

www.universiteitleiden.nl/scholarships

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Questions?



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