Study Abroad Festival
Finance and Scholarships

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A few questions

All scholarships and grants are awarded on the basis of merit or need.

• This is not true! Scholarships have a wide variety of selection criteria. This can be anything from your religious background, to your study programme or where you live.

There are only a few institutions that offer scholarships.

• Wrong! There are more than 12,000 scholarships, loans and other funding opportunities in the EU, representing a value of more than 27 billion Euros.

Too many people apply for scholarships.

• This is not true either! In fact over two-thirds of students never apply for any type of scholarship.

Source: European Funding Guide
Costs

The amount of money you will need during your studies abroad depends on:

• Your destination
• If you need to pay tuition fees abroad
• Visa and residence permit costs
• Travel costs
• Rent
• Living costs (personal expenses, clothes, mobile phone)
• Health and travel insurance fees and vaccinations
• Domestic travel costs
• Whether you will receive a scholarship or grant
Budget tools

- **Wilweg website**: tips and advice for drawing up a budget.

- **VSBfonds website**: information about living costs in various countries (in Dutch).
Things to keep in mind

• There are many financial support options
• Demand is always greater than supply
• Eligibility depends mainly on what, where, when, how long, your grades and your financial situation
• Every scholarship programme has its own administrative procedure
• The application process often takes quite a long time
• Application deadlines for some scholarships are once per year
• Apply for as many scholarships as possible that match your profile
• Take enough time to search for scholarships
• What appears when you search for your name in Google?
Preparing your application

• Make sure that you meet all eligibility criteria

• Most common required documents:
  - Certificates of your previous education (first degree, school leaving exams etc.)
  - Letters of recommendation (work/academic)
  - Language certificate (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS)
  - Motivation letter
  - Curriculum Vitae (resume)
  - A project proposal or a learning agreement
  - Letter of approval from the Board of Examiners
  - Examples of your past work, for example an essay

• Check your application for possible (spelling) mistakes

• Make sure your application is complete

• Submit your application on time
Finding scholarship opportunities

• Use the scholarship search engines:
  Beursopener
  Scholarship portal

• Check the website of the national organisation for education in your country of destination:
  British Council
  German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
  Education in Canada
  Fulbright.nl (USA)

• Check the website of your host university or organisation.

• Check the website of your faculty, department or study programme.

• Check the Leiden University scholarships website (English) / beurzenwebsite (Nederlands).

• Check the website of the Leids Universiteits Fonds (LUF).
Erasmus+

Main eligibility criteria

• Bachelor/Master/PhD students.
• Study, research or a traineeship.
• In a European country at a partner university, company or organisation.
• Enrolled and paying tuition fee at Leiden University.
• Permission from the Board of Examiners (*Examencommissie*).
• Fully recognised part of the degree.
• Duration: minimum 3 months (two for traineeships), maximum 12 months.
• Maximum of twelve months per study cycle (Bachelor, Master, PhD).
• Application deadline: two months before start of your period abroad.
• Application signed by International Exchange Coordinator.
• Submit all required documents on time.
• Make an online language test before and after mobility.
Erasmus+

How much?

Group 1. Studies € 270 per month / Traineeship € 390 per month

    Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Norway, Sweden and United Kingdom.

Group 2. Studies € 210 per month / Traineeship € 330 per month

    Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Luxembourg, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and Turkey.

Group 3. Studies € 150 per month / Traineeship € 270 per month

    Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Republic of Macedonia.

Note:
Maximum grant for 4 months

Salary for traineeship ≥ Erasmus+ grant = zero-grant status.
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).
- Application deadline: two months before start of your period abroad.
- Include a project proposal or learning agreement with the application.
- Application signed by International Exchange Coordinator.
- Submit all required documents on time.
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

Note:
You will receive the LUSTRA+ scholarship in one, single payment.

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Holland Scholarship

Main eligibility criteria (subject to change, check LU scholarship website)

- Study, internship or research.
- Institution or a company outside Europe.
- Enrolled and paying tuition fee at Leiden University.
- Advanced master and International Relations students are not eligible.
- Permission from the Board of Examiners (*Examencommissie*).
- Fully recognised part of the degree - minimum of 15 study credits.
- Duration: minimum of 10 weeks and a maximum of 12 months.
- Application deadline: 1 April 2018.
- Start programme: between 1 June 2018 and 1 March 2019.
- Include a motivation letter and transcript of records with the application.
- You have achieved excellent study results.
Holland Scholarship

How much?
€ 1,250

Number of scholarships available:
2018-2019  38 (might be subject to change)
2017-2018  38 (148 applicants)
2016-2017  40 (154 applicants)

Note:
You will receive the Holland Scholarship in one, single payment.
Other sources of finance

• Rent out your room via housinganywhere.com.

• Contact DUO to continue receiving Dutch student finance.

• Financial compensation for student travel pass (OV-kaart).
Scholarships after graduation

**Erasmus+ traineeship after graduation**
Most important: Apply before graduating.

**VSBfonds beurs**
Most important:
- Deadline: 1 March
- Start study between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019
- Dutch nationality or a demonstrable link with the Netherlands

**Leids Universiteits Fonds**
More information

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Questions?