

Study Abroad Festival Finance and Scholarships

Scholarships team

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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).



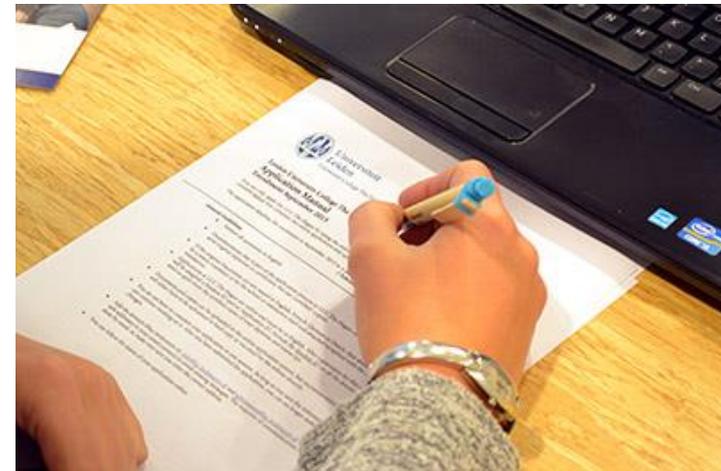
Things to keep in mind

- 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 \geq Erasmus+ grant = zero-grant status.



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).
- 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.



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](https://www.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

Website:

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Questions?



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