Study Abroad Festival
Finance and Scholarships

Scholarships team

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A few assumptions

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
Most important things to remember

• Going abroad is expensive
• Scholarships are available
• Deadlines of scholarships vary greatly from 1 year to 2 weeks before departure
• Team Scholarships can answer a lot of your questions
Costs

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

- Your destination
- Whether 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

• Eligibility depends mainly on:
  - what you want to study
  - where, when and for how long you want to study abroad
  - your grades
  - 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 to go abroad.
• 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 the start of your study period abroad one month for traineeships
• Application signed by International Exchange Coordinator.
• Submit all required documents on time.
• Make an online language test before and after mobility.
Erasmus+

How much?
The amount of the scholarship depends on the destination country.
It varies from
• ± € 170 - € 275 per month for study
• ± € 270 - € 390 per month for traineeships

Note:
Maximum grant for 6 months for traineeships
Salary for traineeship ≥ 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.
• 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 weeks before start of your period abroad.
• Application signed by International Exchange Coordinator.
  - The International Exchange Coordinator might need additional documents. Please check.
• 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: The amounts stated are lump sums and not amounts per month.
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 2019.
• Start programme: between 1 June 2019 and 1 March 2020.
• Include a motivation letter and transcript of records with the application.
• You have achieved excellent study results.
• May be combined with the LUSTRA+ scholarship.
Holland Scholarship

How much?
€ 1.250

Number of scholarships available:
2019-2020  38 (might be subject to change)
2018-2019  38 (187 applicants)
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 2019
- Start study between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020
- Dutch nationality or a demonstrable link with the Netherlands

**Leids Universiteits Fonds**
More information

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