

# Study Abroad Festival Finance and Scholarships

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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

# 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).
- Or use the budget form on the [Leids Universiteits Fonds \(LUF\)](#).

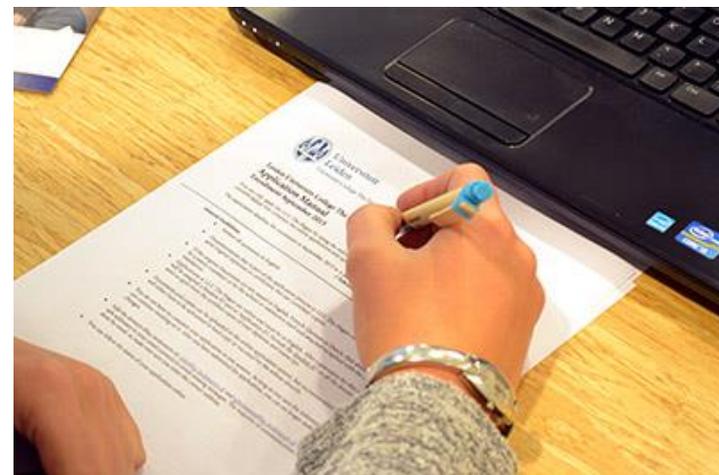
# Things to keep in mind

- There are many financial support options; scholarships, prizes, competitions etc.
- 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+

# Erasmus+

## How much?

The amount of the scholarship depends on the destination country.

It varies from

- ± € 240 - € 360 per month for study
- ± € 273 - € 375 per month for traineeships

## Note:

Salary for traineeship  $\geq$  Erasmus+ grant = zero-grant status.

Going to the UK? Find out about the effects of [Brexit](#).

# 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 de EEA excl. UK, incl Swiss
- Enrolled and paying tuition fee at Leiden University.
- Permission from the Board of Examiners (*Examencommissie*).
- 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 2020.
- Start programme: between 1 June 2020 and 1 March 2021.
- 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:

2020-2021	76 (might be subject to change)
2019-2020	38 (248 applicants)
2018-2019	38 (187 applicants)
2017-2018	38 (148 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 2020
- Start study between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021
- Dutch nationality or a demonstrable link with the Netherlands

## Leids Universiteits Fonds

# Most important things to remember

- Going abroad is expensive
- Scholarships are available, use the search engines
- Deadlines of scholarships vary greatly from 1 year to 2 weeks before departure
- Start in time!!

# More information

## Website:

[www.universiteitleiden.nl/scholarships](http://www.universiteitleiden.nl/scholarships)

[www.universiteitleiden.nl/studiebeurzen](http://www.universiteitleiden.nl/studiebeurzen)

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# Questions?



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