Studying Abroad
Finance and Scholarships

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Disclaimer due to COVID-19

Please be aware that all information given is subject to change. Scholarships are only awarded if a student is permitted to go abroad.

Leiden University follows the travel advice issued by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Study-related activities may only take place in areas that are classified as code green or code yellow.

Travelling and studying abroad is always at your own risk. Therefore try to postpone incurring costs for your study abroad until shortly before departure.
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
- 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).

• **EU EURES portal:** Information about working in an EU country and comparing the living conditions/costs.
Things to keep in mind

- There are many financial support options.
- For some scholarships demand is 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 only once per year.
- Apply for as many scholarships as possible that match your profile.
- In many cases you can combine multiple scholarships (if this is not the case this will be specified on the website).
- 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:
  - Letters of recommendation (work/academic)
  - Motivation letter
  - Transcript of grades
  - Curriculum Vitae (resume)
  - A project proposal or a learning agreement
  - Letter of approval from the Board of Examiners
• 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 following websites:**
  
  ❖ National organisation for education in your country of destination:
    United Kingdom: [British Council](https://www.britishcouncil.org)
    Germany: [German Academic Exchange Service](https://www.daad.de) (DAAD)
    Canada: [Education in Canada](https://www.educationcanada.ca)
    United States: [Fulbright.nl](https://www.fulbright.nl)
  
  ❖ Your host university or organisation
  ❖ Your faculty, department or study programme at Leiden University
  ❖ Leiden University’s [scholarships website](https://www.leidenuniversiteitsfonds.nl/en/scholarships) (English) / [beurzenwebsite](http://www.beurzenwebsite.nl) (Dutch).
  ❖ [Leids Universiteits Fonds](http://www.leidsuniversiteitsfonds.nl) (LUF).
Main eligibility criteria (academic year 2020-2021)

- Bachelor and Master students.
- Study or traineeship in an Erasmus+ programme country (within Europe).
- Enrolled and paying tuition fee at Leiden University.
- Permission from the Board of Examiners (Examencommissie).
- Fully recognised part of Leiden University degree.
- Application deadline: two months (studies) or one month (traineeship) before start of your period abroad.
- Hard copy application needs to be signed by your International Exchange Coordinator.
- Submit all required documents on time.
- Take an online language assessment before and after mobility.
Erasmus+

How much?

In the academic year 2020-2021

- Studies: Between € 240 and € 360 per month

- Traineeship: Between € 360 and € 480 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).
• Application deadline: one month before the 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.

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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 LUSTRA+ scholarship is a lump sum.
You will receive the awarded amount in one, single payment.
Holland Scholarship

Main eligibility criteria

• Study or research.
• Institution or a company outside Europe.
• Enrolled and paying tuition fee at Leiden University.
• Advanced master students are not eligible.
• 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 2021.
• Start programme: between 1 April 2021 and 1 April 2022.
• Include a motivation letter and transcript of records with the application.
• You have achieved excellent study results.

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Holland Scholarship

How much?
€ 1.250

Number of scholarships available:
2021-2022  76
2020-2021  no scholarships due to the COVID-19 measures
2019-2020  39 (248 applicants)
2018-2019  38 (189 applicants)
2017-2018  38 (148 applicants)
2016-2017  40 (154 applicants)

Note:
The Holland Scholarship is a lump sum. You will receive the amount of € 1.250 in one, single payment.
Other sources of finance

• Rent out your room via housinganywhere.com.

• Contact DUO to continue receiving Dutch student finance.
  - DUO related matters you will have to take up with DUO because we cannot advise you on these.

• Financial compensation for student travel pass (OV-kaart).
More information

Website:
www.universiteitleiden.nl/scholarships
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