

# Scholarships

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## Information about OECD countries and scholarships

### A. Which countries are OECD countries?

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

### B. What opportunities for scholarships and financial support exist?

There are several options for acquiring scholarships that cover some or all of the costs of the master's programmes. The acquisition is often a lengthy process, keep in mind that you have to submit your scholarship application well in advance.

Furthermore, in order to apply for certain scholarships it is important to send your application for a master's programme at Maastricht Graduate School of Governance at least a month before the deadline of the scholarship application.

The list of organisations displayed in this document is not a complete list of sources for scholarship funding. Furthermore, this information is subject to change. For the latest and complete information always check the website of the organisation itself.

A good website to start is <http://www.grantfinder.nl/content/index.asp>.

## 1) Top 3% of students study 'for free' at UM

Maastricht University wants to encourage talent. Attracting, cherishing and stimulating talented students is one of the main aims of the 2007–2010 Strategic Programme. A new scheme has been introduced for this purpose, giving the top 3% of students the opportunity to study at UM 'free of charge'.

### *Procedure MGSOG*

For the MGSOG the top-3% of the students graduating in the MPP master will get a top 3% price (in stead of a scholarship) equal to the amount of the tuition fee paid (reduced with received UM scholarships and faculty tuition waivers).

The general selection criteria of the UM are as follows:

- o The top-3% is selected on the basis of study results only. The ranking is done by taking GPA (grade point averages). Competencies and social skills training are not taken into account.

- o The top-3% has to finish the master programme in 1 year (the nominal study length), i.e. receiving 60 ECTS credits within 1 year

- o In addition the MGSOG follows the following criteria:

For the calculation of the GPA of the top-3% the School will use the same definition as for the 'with distinction' calculation, i.e. calculating the unweighed average score of all courses (including the Thesis) and exemptions granted are not taken into account when determining the GPA. All courses have a 1-10 score.

In calculating the GPA results of re-sits can be taken into account. The examination board will decide on eligibility of the reason why a re-sit has been taken, taking into account sickness, family matters, etc. For the February cohort a maximum of 33% of the top-3% will be awarded, the rest will be awarded for the September cohort, since about 1/3 of the inflow of students is coming in February and 2/3 in September.

<http://www.studiekeuze.unimaas.nl/default.asp?menuid=x0000x2229x3405&lang=uk>

## 2) Nuffic: Netherlands Fellowship Programmes (NFP)

The purpose of the NFP Academic Programme is to enable professionals from developing countries to enrol in postgraduate degree programmes (MA and PhD) of one or more years which are provided entirely or partly by Dutch organizations. The NFP-AP offers [Fellowships for master's degree programmes](#).

There are two fellowship application deadlines for MA degree courses; one deadline for courses starting in the first quarter of the year, and one for courses starting in the third quarter of the year. Please check [the list of fellowship application deadlines](#) (download as pdf, 22 kB) for the specific deadline set by the Netherlands embassy or consulate in your country. A letter of admission should be in the candidate's possession well before the embassy's deadline for submitting fellowship applications. Therefore, candidates are strongly advised to start the application procedure for admission at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance as early as possible.

For more information please contact the Netherlands Embassy of your country or surf to <http://www.nuffic.nl>.

## 3) Nuffic: Huygens Scholarship Programme (HSP)

'Huygens' is an acronym for 'High-level University Year to Gain Excellence in the Netherlands'. Since very recently, a new scholarship programme has been set up by the Ministry of Education. Called the Huygens Scholarship Programme (HSP), the first scholarships will be available for the 2008-2009 academic year. HSP is targeted at international students and researchers who want to study or undertake research in the Netherlands (*Huygens International Programme*) and at Dutch students and researchers who want to gain some international study or research experience (*Huygens Talent Programme*).

A letter of admission should be in the candidate's possession well before the deadline for submitting an application for HSP. Therefore, candidates are strongly advised to start the application procedure for admission at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance as early as possible.

Among the most important requirements, the [Huygens Talent Programme](#) requests:

- o candidates not older than 35 years of age by the start of the study year.
- o extraordinary grades.
- o directed to study or research in Bachelor (in the last phase), Master and in a lesser degree, PHD programmes.

The [Huygens Talent Programme](#) scholarship covers (for a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 24 months):

- o tuition fees
- o living costs (amount dependant on the country)
- o insurance costs for the student
- o visa costs (amount dependent on the country)
- o international travel expenditures

Deadline for application: 1 February 2008.

For the complete information on application requirements, check the website: <http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/scholarships/worldwide/hsp-huygens-programme>.

#### 4) Nuffic: Libertas Support Fund Scholarship

The Libertas Support Fund programme aims to help students who find it impossible or extremely difficult to study in their home country because of the political situation there.

In the 2007-2008 academic year, the programme will only be open to students from Belarus and Zimbabwe. The Libertas Support Fund provides financial help to students who want to follow a bachelor's or master's programme in the Netherlands and are unable to study in their home country because of the political situation there. Study can include research and/or practical training.

The Dutch Minister for Education, Culture and Science has made one million euros available. There is no fixed number of available scholarships, but the actual number is determined by the total cost of the variable components of the scholarships.

For the complete information on application requirements, check the website: <http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/scholarships/asia-africa-latin-america-and-eastern-europe/libertas-support-fund>.

#### 5) MGSOG Scholarship Fund

The Maastricht Graduate School of Governance grants a LIMITED number of PARTIAL scholarships for students from non-OECD-member countries, the Czech Republic, Poland, Korea and Mexico. The scholarships are only for students attending a one-year master's programme. Students applying for an MGSOG scholarship will be evaluated on expertise (work experience, degree), skills (mathematics and English), as well as motivation. The most eligible students will be given a scholarship.

Deadlines scholarship application

Master's programme	Start programme	Deadline scholarship application
MPP master's programme	September 2008	15 June 2008
MPP master's programme	February 2009	15 November 2008
MPP master's programme	September 2009	15 June 2008

An MGSOG scholarship will cover only part of the total required amount a one-year master programme. According to our estimations a student will need about 22,500 euros for the whole year (including tuition fees, study materials and living costs). Due to limited funds we strongly recommend students to apply for alternative scholarship funds as well!

For more information, please contact us at:

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Maastricht Graduate School of Governance  
Student Affairs  
P.O. Box 616  
6200 MD Maastricht  
THE NETHERLANDS  
email: [info-gov@governance.unimaas.nl](mailto:info-gov@governance.unimaas.nl)  
web: <http://www.governance.unimaas.nl>

#### 6) Alþan-European Union Programme of High-Level Scholarships for Latin America

The programme Alþan aims at the reinforcement of the European Union – Latin America co-operation in the area of Higher Education and covers studies for postgraduates as well as higher

training for Latin America professionals/future decision makers, in institutions or centres in the European Union.

Alβan scholarships are a means to support postgraduate studies and professional training or upgrading of Latin Americans in the European Union. It is open to Latin American citizens living in one of the following 18 Latin American countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The programme runs from 2002 to 2010. The total EU contribution to scholarships amounts to a maximum of 75 million euros, corresponding always to a maximum of 75% of the eligible cost of education/training.

In order to apply for the Alβan scholarship it is important to send your application for a master programme at Maastricht Graduate School of Governance at least a month before the deadline of this scholarship application.

Programme Alβan's call for scholarship applications, for higher education and specialised training, for the academic year 2009/2010 will be open until mid-December 2008.

More information can be found on the following website:

<http://www.programalban.org/index.php?lg=13>

## 7) NEC-Stuned Scholarship Programme

StuNed is a scholarship programme that aims to contribute to the development of Indonesia through strengthening the human resources of Indonesian organisations. Each year some 150-200 full scholarships are offered for professionals to follow master programmes, short courses or tailor made training, all conducted in the English language. Graduates commit themselves to return to Indonesia immediately after graduation and to be actively involved in the development.

The StuNed programme is subject to the Dutch policy for development co-operation which aims to achieve the UN Millennium Development goals in 2015. For Indonesia the bilateral programmes focus on generating capacity in development relevant sectors and theme's such as: education, water management, sanitation and the environment, community based development, institutional development, good governance & human rights, gender, HIV/AIDS, reproductive health and culture (strengthen cultural identity).

In line with the Indonesian Policy, as laid down in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP), strengthening the decentralisation process is another objective. Therefore attention is given to candidates working at local government level and those working outside Java. StuNed also aims at a balanced gender representation (minimum 50% women).

The StuNed scholarship covers:

- o tuition fee
- o monthly living allowance
- o insurance package (travel, health, third party liability)
- o international travel expenses
- o travel expenses in the Netherlands directly related to the study programme
- o contribution to study related expenses, such as books and study materials and shipping charges (total allowance depends on the length of the study)
- o reimbursement of expenses for the residence permit

For more information:

Netherlands Education Centre  
Citra Graha 7th floor, suite 705  
Jl. Jend. Gatot Subroto kav. 35-36  
Jakarta 12950

INDONESIA  
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fax: +62-21-5200457  
email: beasiswa1@nec.or.id

In order to apply for the NEC-Stuned scholarship it is important to send your application for a master programme at Maastricht Graduate School of Governance at least a month before the deadline of this scholarship application.

Application deadlines an more information can be found at the following website:  
<http://www.nesoindonesia.or.id/main.php?id=0609&lang=en>

## 8) UM Scholarship programme

Maastricht University (UM) aims at continuously improving its quality as a global institution. The UM Scholarship Programme enables the University to live up to this ambition, as it is intended to stimulate talented non-EEA students to pursue master's programmes in Maastricht. Within this framework, UM offers two different scholarship programmes:

- o UM High Potential Scholarships: provides full tuition, living expenses, visa costs, insurance and a travel reimbursement for talented students
- o UM company Scholarships: offered in partnership with companies to provide living expenses, visa costs and insurance for talented students studying at specific faculties

Applications are submitted via the Maastricht School of Governance. More information (including the application forms) can be found on the following website:  
<http://www.unimaas.nl/default.asp?template=werkveld.htm&id=5BFX7510X42I3C70XG7E&taal=en>. The application deadline for 2008-2009 is 1 April 2008.

## 9) FNV Scholarship

FNV stands for Federatie Nederlandse Vakbewegingen and comprises of fourteen unions jointly representing the interests of 1.2 million members, acts on behalf of their interests and is by far the largest and strongest trade union confederation in the Netherlands. The membership consists of a cross-section of the population of the Netherlands: men and women, old and young, Dutch nationals and people of other nationalities etc. The focal points of the FNV are employment and income, two aspects which cover a very broad area. Income may be derived from work, but also from social benefits. Consequently, the trade union movement not only negotiates collective labour agreements with employers but is also concerned with such areas as social security.

FNV grants fellowships via an international network of trade unions. If the trade union official has been admitted to a university programme, application for this scholarship is possible. The application will be handled by the trade union in question. This scholarship is only available to trade union members.

For more information, contact:

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tel: +31-20-5816656  
fax: + 31-20-6844541  
email: [iz@vc.fnv.nl](mailto:iz@vc.fnv.nl)  
web: <http://www.fnv.nl/mondiaal>

## 10) International Scholarship Programme Aga Khan Foundation

The Aga Khan Foundation provides a limited number of scholarships each year for postgraduate studies to outstanding students from developing countries who have no other means of financing their studies. Scholarships are awarded on a 50% grant: 50% loan basis through a competitive application process once a year in June or July. The Foundation gives priority to requests for Master's level courses but is also willing to consider applications for PhD programmes, when doctoral degrees are necessary for the career objectives of the student.

The Foundation accepts applications from countries where it has branches, affiliates or other AKDN agencies which can help with processing applications and interviewing applicants. At present, these are Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Syria, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, Madagascar, France, Portugal, UK, USA and Canada.

The main criteria for selecting award winners are:

- o excellent academic records
- o genuine financial need
- o admission to a reputable institution of higher learning, and
- o thoughtful and coherent educational and career plans
- o preference is given to students under 30 years of age

The Foundation assists students with tuition fees and living expenses only.

The application procedures of AKF's International Scholarship Programme are decentralised. Students may obtain application forms as of 1 January each year from AKF offices or Aga Khan Education Services/Boards in their countries of current residence. Completed applications should be returned to the agency from which the form was obtained, or to the address indicated on the front of the form.

Deadline for submission of applications is 31 March.

For more information please check: <http://www.akdn.org/akfisp/HTML/index.html>

## 11) Other

The list of organizations displayed below is not a complete list of alternative sources for scholarship funding.

### a. Soros Foundation

George Soros is founder and chairman of the Open Society Institute and the Soros foundations network. The Open Society Institute (OSI), a private operating and grantmaking foundation, aims to shape public policy to promote democratic governance, human rights, and economic, legal, and social reform. On a local level, OSI implements a range of initiatives to support the rule of law, education, public health, and independent media. At the same time, OSI works to build alliances across borders and continents on issues such as combating corruption and rights abuses.

Open Society Institute  
400 West 59th Street  
New York, NY 10019  
USA  
tel: +1-212-5480600  
<http://www.soros.org/grants>

### b. The Foundation Center

The Foundation Center's mission is to support and improve institutional philanthropy by promoting public understanding of the field and helping grant seekers succeed.

The Foundation Center  
79 Fifth Avenue/16th Street  
New York NY 10003-3076  
USA

tel: +1-212-6204230  
 fax: +1-212-8073677  
 web: <http://www.fdncenter.org/>

c. Council on International Educational Exchange CIEE

CIEE is the leading US non-governmental international education organization. CIEE creates and administers programs that allow high school and university students and educators to study and teach abroad. Council on International Educational Exchange

633 Third Avenue 20th Floor  
 New York NY 10017-6706  
 USA  
 tel: +1-800-40-STUDY  
 fax: +1-212-8222779  
 web: <http://www.ciee.org>

d. Ford Foundation

The Ford Foundation is a resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide. Their goals are to: Strengthen democratic values, Reduce poverty and injustice, Promote international cooperation and Advance human achievement.

web: <http://www.fordfound.org/about/guideline.cfm>

Through their International Fellowships Program, the Ford Foundation offers different scholarships to applicants from countries around the world. Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program applicants must be resident nationals or residents of an eligible IFP country or territory. Currently, these are: Brazil, Chile, China, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique, Nigeria, Palestinian Territories, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, and Vietnam. IFP selects Fellows on the strength of their clearly-stated intention to serve their communities and countries of origin, and expects that they will honor this obligation.

Below you will find the websites of some of the programs for nationals of the specified countries:

<i>Brazil</i> Carlos Chagas Foundation (CCF) <a href="http://www.programabolsa.org.br">http://www.programabolsa.org.br</a>
<i>Chile</i> La Fundación Equitas <a href="http://fundacionequitas.org">http://fundacionequitas.org</a>
<i>China</i> Institute of International Education Beijing Office <a href="http://www.china-ifp.org">http://www.china-ifp.org</a>
<i>Egypt</i> America-Mideast Educational and Training Services (AMIDEAST) <a href="http://www.amideast.org/programs_services/exchange_programs/ifp/default.htm">http://www.amideast.org/programs_services/exchange_programs/ifp/default.htm</a>
<i>Ghana</i> Association of African Universities (AAU) <a href="http://www.aau.org/ifp/index.htm">http://www.aau.org/ifp/index.htm</a>
<i>Guatemala</i> Center for Research on the Mesoamerica Region (CIRMA) <a href="http://www.cirma.org.gt">http://www.cirma.org.gt</a>
<i>India</i> United States Educational Foundation in India (USEFI) <a href="http://www.ifpsa.org">http://www.ifpsa.org</a>
<i>Indonesia</i> Indonesian International Education Foundation (IIEF) <a href="http://www.iief.or.id/ifp/ifp.html">http://www.iief.or.id/ifp/ifp.html</a>

<i>Kenya</i> The Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) <a href="http://www.ifpeastafrica.org">http://www.ifpeastafrica.org</a>
<i>Mexico</i> Center for Research and Higher Education in Social Anthropology (CIESAS) <a href="http://www.ciesas.edu.mx/ciesas-ford/Intro.htm">http://www.ciesas.edu.mx/ciesas-ford/Intro.htm</a>
<i>Mozambique</i> Africa-America Institute (AAI) <a href="http://www.ifpmoz.co.mz">http://www.ifpmoz.co.mz</a>
<i>Nigeria</i> Pathfinder International <a href="http://www.pathfind.org/ifp">http://www.pathfind.org/ifp</a>
<i>Palestinian Territories</i> America-Mideast Educational and Training Services (AMIDEAST) <a href="http://www.amideast.org/programs_services/exchange_programs/ifp/default.htm">http://www.amideast.org/programs_services/exchange_programs/ifp/default.htm</a>
<i>Peru</i> Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (IEP) <a href="http://www.iep.org.pe/programa.shtml">http://www.iep.org.pe/programa.shtml</a>
<i>Philippines</i> Philippines Social Science Council (PSSC) <a href="http://www.pssc.org.ph">http://www.pssc.org.ph</a>
<i>Russia</i> Institute of International Education Russia and Eurasia Office <a href="http://www.iie.ru/IFP">http://www.iie.ru/IFP</a>
<i>Senegal</i> Association of African Women in Research and Development (AAWORD/AFARD) <a href="http://www.afard.org">http://www.afard.org</a>
<i>South Africa</i> Africa-America Institute (AAI) <a href="http://www.aaisa.org.za">http://www.aaisa.org.za</a>
<i>Tanzania</i> The Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) <a href="http://www.esrftz.org/ifp">http://www.esrftz.org/ifp</a>
<i>Thailand</i> Asian Scholarship Foundation (ASF) <a href="http://www.asianscholarship.org/?head=GeneralInformation_IFP&amp;p=detail#">http://www.asianscholarship.org/?head=GeneralInformation_IFP&amp;p=detail#</a>
<i>Uganda</i> Association of the Advancement of Higher Education and Development <a href="http://www.ifpeastafrica.org">http://www.ifpeastafrica.org</a>
<i>Vietnam</i> Center for Educational Exchange with Vietnam (CEEVN) <a href="http://www.acls.org/ceevn/ifpguidelines.htm">http://www.acls.org/ceevn/ifpguidelines.htm</a>

e. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is dedicated to improving people's lives by sharing advances in health and learning with the global community. The foundation was created in January of 2000, through the merger of the Gates Learning Foundation, which focused on expanding access to technology through public libraries, and the William H. Gates Foundation, which focused on improving global health. Led by Bill Gates' father, William H. Gates, Sr., and Patty Stonesifer, the Seattle-based foundation has an endowment of approximately \$24 billion.

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PO Box 23350  
Seattle WA 98102  
USA  
tel: +1-206-7093140  
email: [info@gatesfoundation.org](mailto:info@gatesfoundation.org)  
web: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org>

f. Institute of International Education

An independent, nonprofit organization, the Institute is a resource for educators and institutions worldwide. Their goals are:

- o to promote closer educational relations between the people of the United States and other countries
- o to increase the number of students, scholars and professionals who have the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research outside of their own country
- o to strengthen and internationalize institutions of higher learning throughout the world
- o to foster sustainable development through training programs in energy, environment, business management, and leadership development
- o to partner with corporations, foundations, and governments in finding and developing people able to think and work on a global basis

For more information:

Institute of International Education  
809 United Nations Plaza  
New York NY 10017-3580  
USA  
web: <http://www.iie.org/>

g. International Education Financial Aid

International Education Financial Aid (IEFA) scholarship search is the premier resource for financial aid, college scholarship and grant information for international students wishing to study abroad. At this site, you will find the most comprehensive college scholarship search and grant listings plus international student loan programs and other information to promote study abroad.

web: <http://www.iefaf.org>