

Terms and Conditions of the NL Scholarship (previously Holland Scholarship Programme)

1. Rights and obligations

1.1. These Rules & Regulations apply to all NL Scholarship holders.

1.2. Vrije Universiteit accepts no liability for the consequences of illness, accidents, etc., nor any other risks that the acceptance of a NL Scholarship may entail for the scholarship holder.

1.3. The scholarship consists of the allowance mentioned in the award letter. Scholarship holders must cover any other costs themselves.

1.4. Vrije Universiteit will pass on your student details to the EP Nuffic (organization for internationalization in education) after accepting the NL Scholarship.

2. Duration of the scholarship

2.1. The scholarship is made available only for the period stated in the scholarship letter.

3. During the scholarship

3.1. Scholarship holders must complete the programme for which they were granted the scholarship to the best of their ability. They must be prepared at any time to provide the NL Scholarship Office with information concerning the progress of their programme, and to cooperate fully in any form of programme evaluation carried out by Vrije Universiteit including attending any meetings.

3.2. The scholarship is granted for the programme for which its holder submitted the application. Requests for a change of study programme under the NL Fellowship Programme will only be considered by the University in exceptional cases and must meet the following criteria.

- The request is accompanied by an explanation.
- The requested programme is taught at Vrije Universiteit.
- The application for the change of programme is made not later than six weeks after the starting date of the original programme.

3.3. You must report immediately to the International Office (scholarships.incoming@vu.nl), in writing, any circumstances that are going to prevent you from successfully continuing or completing your programme, for example:

- if you leave the programme c.q. university before completing your degree because you have discontinued your studies;
- if you leave the programme before completing your degree and switch to another programme;

- if you leave the programme c.q. university before completing your degree because of illness;
- any changes in nationality.

3.4. Deferral of scholarships is not possible.

4. Scholarship allowance

4.1. For the NL Scholarship the allowance is meant as a subsidy to the scholarship holder's living expenses in the Netherlands.

4.2. The scholarship does not provide for the costs of bringing any scholarship holder's friends, acquaintances or family members to the Netherlands nor is it intended to support them, nor will they be given assistance by Vrije Universiteit in any way to obtain residence permits.

4.3. You can only receive an NL scholarship during your study period in the Netherlands once. It is possible to receive other scholarships than the NL scholarship for the same programme.

4.4. The scholarship will be paid in one or two installments.