



Universiteit Utrecht

## **Information Sheet**

## **Geosciences Scholarship**

**UTRECHT UNIVERSITY, the Netherlands**

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**Eligible candidates:** *outstanding prospective non-Dutch students who have completed a bachelor's programme*

**Amount of scholarship:** *5,000 Euro per year for a maximum duration of two years*

**Provided by:** [The Graduate School of Geosciences](#)

The Geosciences Scholarship offers outstanding prospective non-Dutch students the opportunity to pursue a degree in one of the Master's programmes offered by the Graduate School Geosciences. The scholarship programme is highly selective. Only candidates of the highest academic achievement and promise are eligible to receive a scholarship.

### **Duration and number of scholarships**

Selected students will receive a scholarship for a minimum period of 12 and a maximum period of 24 months.

### **Amount of scholarship**

Selected Master's students are awarded a scholarship up to a maximum of 5,000 Euro per year, for a maximum duration of two years. In total this amounts to 10,000 Euro.

### **Aim of the programme**

The scholarship is designed to make a significant contribution towards the costs of travel and living while studying in Utrecht; however it will be necessary to find additional funding to completely finance your study and stay in Utrecht. As one of the requirements for being granted a residence permit in the Netherlands, students from non EEA countries must prove to the IND (immigration and naturalisation office) that they have sufficient financial means. The university advises a budget, not including the tuition fee, of 10,000 to 14,000 Euros per year to cover as a minimum costs for rent, insurance, living expenses, course books and local transportation.

### **Selection procedure**

The selection for the Geosciences Scholarship is carried out by the Board of Studies of the Graduate School Geosciences within the Faculty of Geosciences. The Board will determine the order of priority of all the eligible candidates on the basis of the criteria below. The funds awarded are exclusively linked to the Master's programme for which they were granted. Awarded grants cannot be transferred to another starting date or other Master's programmes.

### **Eligibility criteria**

The applicant must meet the eligibility criteria in order to be considered for one of these scholarships. The applicant should:

1. Hold a non-Dutch passport and not be eligible for support under the Dutch system of study for grants and loans;
2. Have been admitted to a Master's Programme within the Utrecht University Graduate School Geosciences;
3. Hold a relevant Bachelor's degree or equivalent thereof from a non-Dutch university with a Grade Point Average of 7,5 or higher according to the Dutch grade system. In the Netherlands grades from 1.0 up to 10.0 are used, with 1 being lowest and 10 the highest. A GPA of 7,5 is (for instance) comparable with at least an 60% in the UK and a B+ (or a 3.3) in the United States.
4. Belong to the top 20% of his/her final undergraduate year, as evidenced by a university statement;
5. Be able to comply with the conditions to obtain a Dutch visa (only for students from non EEA countries).

### **Selection criteria**

Eligible candidates are selected for a scholarship on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Their academic excellence and promise in the proposed field of study (as evidenced, for example, by writing samples, publications, letters of recommendation);
2. The academic quality and concrete results of the preceding education, (as evidenced, for example, by grades, test scores, awards);
3. The quality and relevance of their motivation letter (academic content, intercultural and communication skills, personal motivation);
4. The quality of the application itself (completeness, accuracy, consistency).

### **Application procedure**

Include in your application:

1. The completed Geosciences Scholarship application form;
2. Your bachelor's thesis or equivalent thereof in English;
3. A motivation letter of one page, explaining why this scholarship should be awarded to you.

It is strongly advised to send the scholarship application at the same time as your application for the Master's Programme. Please send the application form for the Geosciences Scholarship by e-mail: [admission.geo@uu.nl](mailto:admission.geo@uu.nl) and put "Application Geosciences Scholarship" in the subject of the e-mail.

### **Deadline of scholarship application**

Applications must be received **before March 1st** if you are starting in September of the same year. Notification of the scholarship awards are expected eight weeks after closing dates.

### **Further inquiries**

Any further inquiries should be directed to the Admission Office Geosciences by e-mail only, in order to ensure efficient response: [admission.geo@uu.nl](mailto:admission.geo@uu.nl).