Grants for a Master’s Degree abroad

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WHAT WILL WE TALK ABOUT TODAY?

- VSBfonds grant
- Fulbright grant
- Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds
- Culturele Verdragsbeurzen
- Other tips
• Dutch foundation for “active citizenship” with various grants for arts & culture projects as well as education, among which the VSBfonds study grant

• The VSBfonds study grant is intended for a full degree abroad after graduation for BA/MA in the Netherlands

• For students with a clear motivation and socially engaged, needs to be demonstrated in application

• Dutch nationality (or demonstratable long-term link to NL)

• For the application round of 2023, Radboud University had 5 VSBfonds grants. Number of grants for 2024 TBA.
VSBFONDS STUDY GRANTS: DETAILS

- Fulltime degree abroad of minimally 3 months and maximally 24 months (consecutive), starting on or after 1 July 2024 and before 30 June 2025
- Deepening or broadening your knowledge of your previous degree in NL
- May not count towards degree in the Netherlands in any way
- No internship/research, only fulltime study degrees
- Your graduation date in NL between 1 March 2022 and 31 December 2024
- Grant is maximally 10,000,- euro (2-year programme) or maximally 7000,- euro (1-year programme)
Do you want to know whether you are eligible for the VSBfonds? Do the QuickScan via [www.studiebeurs-buitenland.nl](http://www.studiebeurs-buitenland.nl)

You can start your application via [www.studiebeurs-buitenland.nl](http://www.studiebeurs-buitenland.nl) after completing the QuickScan

Please note: start on time, extensive online application procedure!

Application contains questions about personal details, previous education, planned education abroad, other grant applications you may have, and your motivation/social engagement

You may submit max. 5 study options abroad

Per study option: budget estimate, motivation, study plan, etc.

Required documents: proof of tuition fee, proof of graduation or diploma (if already graduated), transcript of previous education, resume

Optional: reference letters

Application deadline: 1 March 2024
VSBFONDS STUDY GRANTS: FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACT

• Read the procedure and eligibility requirements on the website carefully (www.studiebeurs-buitenland.nl) (information and website only available in Dutch)

• After online application: application assessed by Radboud University selection committee (faculty level and central level)

• Then you may be invited for selection interview at Radboud University

• Keep an eye on https://www.ru.nl/opleidingen/studiebeurzen/vsbfonds-beurs for information on date of scheduled interviews, most likely the end of March 2024

• 7 December 2023, 12:00: Live Q&A by VSBfonds. Register via: https://www.studiebeurs-buitenland.nl/aanmelden-qa
Fulbright The Netherlands is a bilateral programme between the Netherlands and the United States. It is financed by both governments to promote cultural exchanges and mutual understanding of the Netherlands and the US.

- Dutch nationality only. Other nationality? Check Fulbright programme in country of your nationality.
- American nationality excluded
- For graduate studies or research in US
- For students at RU graduated from (or soon to graduate) BA or MA
- Stay of minimally nine months
- Accepted or be in the process of being accepted to a graduate programme at American university
- Good study results and extra-curricular activities
FULBRIGHT GRANT: DETAILS

- Grant of $35,000
- Application deadline: 18 January 2024, 12:00 (noon)
- Added bonuses of the programme: shared health insurance, participation in US conferences, alumni network, guidance in NL when preparing your studies in the US
- No application via Radboud University, but directly via Fulbright
- More information and requirements on website: [https://fulbright.nl/naar-de-vs/ik-ben-student/fulbright-beurzen/](https://fulbright.nl/naar-de-vs/ik-ben-student/fulbright-beurzen/) (link to application instructions with link to online application on that website)
The fund offers scholarships for study and research abroad. With your HBO bachelor or WO master in prospect, you can apply for a scholarship. This applies to all studies, from a completed art bachelor to a master's degree in medicine.

- For students graduated from a -preferably Dutch- higher education institution
- Intended for advanced courses abroad with a minimum duration of one year leading to a first (after HBO) or second (after WO) Master's degree or a related degree and for (advanced) research abroad with a minimum duration of three months.
- Students have Dutch nationality or have been registered in the Netherlands for at least three years.
- Students can only qualify once.
- Students must demonstrate talents; via grade lists, motivation letters, etc. Motivation plays an important role while assessing applications.
- Students can also apply if they have already started or want to complete their programme.
PRINS BERNHARD CULTUURFONDS: DETAILS

• Grants differ from: € 1.500, € 2.500, € 5.000, € 7.500, € 10.000, € 12.500, € 15.000 of, € 20.000 → depending on the quality and quantity of applications.
• The application period runs from February 1 to April 1.
• Applications must be submitted via the online application form Cultuurfondsbeurzen, not via Radboud University.
• An advisory committee reviews all eligible applications in early June and makes the final selection of grantees.
• There are specific scholarships for musicians and dancers
• More information: https://www.cultuurfonds.nl/cultuurfondsbeurzen
These are scholarships funded by foreign governments for study, research and summer courses.

• Several countries offer study and research scholarships for Dutch students and graduates.
• There are no scholarships for exchange.
• A country may decide which students it wants to attract. Consequently, conditions, scholarship amounts and opportunities vary greatly from country to country.
• More information: https://www.wilweg.nl/financien/beursopener?term=cultureel%20verdragbeurs
OTHER TIPS

- Check [www.wilweg.nl](http://www.wilweg.nl) for:
  - Information on how to create a budget estimate ([www.wilweg.nl/financien](http://www.wilweg.nl/financien))
  - Find more grants you may be eligible to apply for in preparation of your studies abroad ([www.wilweg.nl/financien/beursopener](http://www.wilweg.nl/financien/beursopener))
  - Specific information per country (such as tuition fees, visa and accommodation information, etc.) ([www.wilweg.nl/orientatie/landeninformatie](http://www.wilweg.nl/orientatie/landeninformatie))
  - Information about student financing from DUO (also see: [www.duo.nl/particulier/studiefinanciering-buitenland](http://www.duo.nl/particulier/studiefinanciering-buitenland))
MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS?

- VSBfonds:
  o Their website: https://www.vsbfonds.nl/studiebeurzen or www.studiebeurs-buitenland.nl
  o Our website: https://www.ru.nl/opleidingen/studiebeurzen/vsbfonds-beurs
  o Email: your faculty's International Office or SLIM via vsbfonds@ru.nl
- Fulbright:
  o Their website: https://fulbright.nl/naar-de-vs/ik-ben-student/fulbright-beurzen/
  o Email: Programme Manager, Linda Pietersen, l.pietersen@fulbright.nl
- Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds: https://www.cultuurfonds.nl/cultuurfondsbeurzen
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