

Fellowships for PhD studies

Obtaining a PhD degree normally takes four years and prepares the individual for a career in basic or applied research. PhD studies are structured as a 'sandwich' or a 'picnic' programme, meaning that a large portion of the research takes place in the individual's home country. The proposed research should be relevant for the development of the employing organization and for the country in which the employing organization is located.

Fellowships for NFP alumni activities

The NFP provides funds for refresher courses, NFP alumni activities and start-up grants for Netherlands Alumni Associations (NAAs).

Refresher courses - The aim of refresher courses is to contribute to the institutional development of employing organizations of NFP alumni and to increase the impact and prolong the effect of earlier NFP-funded training.

NAA start-up subsidy - A potential NAA in an NFP country can receive funding to be used to create the necessary infrastructure and guarantee the basic conditions needed for a successful start-up.

Co-financing of NFP alumni activities - An NAA in a country on the NFP country list can apply for the co-financing of its activities.

Fellowships for short courses

These courses are aimed at mid-career professionals who want to acquire knowledge and skills through a period of intensive training. Higher education institutions and other qualified organizations offer short courses at post-secondary level in several fields of study. The duration of the courses varies from two weeks to twelve months. Almost all courses are conducted in English; some are conducted in French.

Fellowships for master's degree programmes

A master's degree programme allows mid-professionals to gain knowledge and learn skills which will help them guide their employing organizations towards further development. Higher education institutions in the Netherlands offer a wide variety of international master's degree programmes, covering almost every field of study. The duration of the courses varies from nine to twenty four months. Almost all courses are conducted in English; some are conducted in Spanish.

Fellowships for master's degree programmes and short courses are only available for programmes and courses that are on the NFP course list 2011-2012. All the programmes and courses are provided by Dutch institutions.

More information: www.nuffic.nl/nfp

■ Countries participating in the NFP programmes

Afghanistan	Ivory Coast
Albania	Jordan
Armenia	Kenya
Autonomous Palestinian Authorities	Kosovo
Bangladesh	Macedonia
Benin	Mali
Bhutan	Moldova
Bolivia	Mongolia
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Mozambique
Brazil	Namibia
Burkina Faso	Nepal
Burundi	Nicaragua
Cambodia	Nigeria
Cape Verde	Pakistan
Colombia	Peru
Costa Rica	Philippines
Cuba	Rwanda
DR Congo	Senegal
Ecuador	South Africa
Egypt	Sri Lanka
El Salvador	Sudan
Eritrea	Surinam
Ethiopia	Tanzania
Georgia	Thailand
Ghana	Uganda
Guatemala	Vietnam
Guinea Bissau	Yemen
Honduras	Zambia
India	Zimbabwe
Indonesia	
Iran	

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■ The Netherlands Fellowship Programmes (NFP)

Introduction

The Netherlands Fellowship Programmes (NFP) are fellowship programmes initiated and fully funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the budget for Development Cooperation. The ministry has contracted Nuffic, the Netherlands organization for international cooperation in higher education to administer these programmes.

The overall aim of the NFP is to help alleviate qualitative and quantitative shortages of skilled manpower within a wide range of governmental, private and non-governmental organizations. It does this by offering fellowships to mid-career professionals to improve the capacity of their employing organizations. The need for training has to be evident within the context of an organization.

Target group

The NFP target group consists of mid-career professionals who are nationals of and working and living in an NFP country. Candidates from Sub-Saharan Africa, women and members of priority groups and/or marginalized regions are specifically invited to apply for an NFP fellowship.

The Fellowship

An NFP fellowship is intended to supplement the salary that the fellowship holder should continue to receive (at least partially) during the study period. The allowance is considered to be a contribution towards the costs of living for the fellowship holder, whether in the Netherlands or in another country. The fellowship can cover the costs of tuition fees, visas, travel, insurance and thesis research, as specified in the NFP booklet 'Rules and regulations for fellowship holders'.

Applying

Please note that this information is based on **the new NFP application and selection procedures**. Under these new procedures candidates may submit their application either online, through Scholarships Online (SOL) or on paper. However, applicants are strongly encouraged **to apply online**. Submitting an application online is much quicker and it is usually less expensive. In addition, candidates can check the status of their application in SOL.

You can find detailed information about NFP fellowships at www.nuffic.nl/nfp.

	Fellowships for PhD studies	Fellowships for NFP alumni activities		Fellowships for short courses	Fellowships for master's degree programmes	
		Refresher courses	Netherlands Alumni Association (NAA) start-up subsidy	Co-financing of NFP alumni activities		
Available for	PhD degrees at Dutch universities eligible for supervising PhD research as listed in the NFP brochure 2011-2012	Courses with an average duration of two weeks	Meetings and other activities		Courses that are on the NFP course list 2011-2012	Master's degree programmes that are on the NFP course list
Leads to	A Dutch PhD degree	A certificate	Not applicable		A Dutch diploma or certificate	A Dutch master's degree
Target group	Mid-career professionals with at least three years' work experience who are nationals of and working and living in an NFP country	- NFP alumni and mid-career professionals who are nationals of and working and living in an NFP country - Netherlands Alumni Associations (NAAs) in NFP countries			Mid-career professionals with at least three years' work experience who are nationals of and working and living in an NFP country	Mid-career professionals with at least three years' work experience who are nationals of and working and living in an NFP country
Eligibility criteria	A PhD applicant must: - be nominated by his/her employer; - be unconditionally admitted by a Dutch institution as a PhD student; - be proficient in the language of instruction; - pursue the PhD study programme partially in the home region and partially in the Netherlands; - have submitted a complete and correct application; - not already have received an NFP PhD fellowship in the past. Please check the complete overview of eligibility criteria in the NFP Brochure 2011-2012 or at www.nuffic.nl/nfp .	Participants of refresher courses must: - be NFP, NPT, NICHE or MENA alumni, having completed any training or educational course funded by one of these programmes at least two years prior to the planned starting date of the refresher course; - be employed in an area to which the refresher course will make a relevant contribution; - have a clear-cut, functional relationship with a relevant organization and be in a position to introduce the newly acquired skills and knowledge into the organization. Please check the complete overview of eligibility criteria in the NFP Brochure 2011-2012 or at www.nuffic.nl/nfp .	- An association needs at least twenty members. - An NAA should have members from various Dutch institutions. At least 60% of the members should be NFP alumni. - Only NAAs that are officially registered in accordance with the local rules and regulations can apply for a grant. Please check the complete overview of eligibility criteria in the NFP Brochure 2011-2012 or at www.nuffic.nl/nfp .	- Only co-financing requests are considered, so other funds must be available. - The activity must be an initiative of and for the benefit of NFP alumni. - The activity must relate to the topic of a previously attended NFP course, to higher education or to the strengthening of an NAA. - At least 60% of the participants of the activity should be NFP alumni. Please check the complete overview of eligibility criteria in the NFP Brochure 2011-2012 or at www.nuffic.nl/nfp .	A short course candidate must: - be nominated by his/her employer; - be unconditionally admitted to the short course; - be proficient in the language of instruction; - have submitted a complete fellowship application; - not have received more than two NFP short course fellowships in the past; - not have received an NFP short course fellowship in the year prior to the fellowship application. Please check the complete overview of eligibility criteria in the NFP brochure 2011-2012 or at www.nuffic.nl/nfp .	A master's candidate must: - be nominated by his/her employer; - be unconditionally admitted to the master's degree programme; - be proficient in the language of instruction; - have submitted a complete fellowship application; - not have received an NFP master's degree fellowship in the past. Please check the complete overview of eligibility criteria in the NFP brochure 2011-2012 or at www.nuffic.nl/nfp .
Application procedure	1.The candidate applies for admission to a PhD study programme at one of the Dutch universities eligible for supervising PhD research. 2.The candidate applies for an NFP fellowship by submitting an online NFP application at www.nuffic.nl/nfp . 3.The Dutch institution indicates if a candidate is admitted and adds information about the PhD study programme. 4.The Netherlands embassy assesses the NFP application against the NFP eligibility criteria and assesses the relevance of the application for the employing organization and the country where the applicant is employed. 5.Nuffic assesses the relevance of the application for the employing organization and the country where the applicant is employed. 6.Nuffic selects fellowship holders based on the assessments by the Netherlands embassy and its own assessment taking into account the NFP priorities. 7.Nuffic awards a grant to the Dutch institution in order to finance the candidate's fellowship.	1.Proposals should be submitted directly to Nuffic by organizations in developing countries, NFP alumni or the Dutch organization that will provide the course. Individuals can not apply for refresher courses. Nuffic selects the refresher courses by assessing the requests against the eligibility criteria as well as technical criteria of the project. 2.Nuffic informs the Dutch embassies and the NAAs about the outcome of the selection.	1.Applications must be submitted by the governing board of an NAA, not by an individual. 2.Associations should not send their application directly to Nuffic, but forward them to the Netherlands embassy or consulate in their own country.	The application must be submitted to Nuffic at least three months before the activity starts.	1.The candidate applies for admission to a short course at the Dutch institution. 2.The candidate applies for an NFP short course fellowship by submitting an online application at www.nuffic.nl/nfp . 3.The Dutch institution indicates if the candidate is admitted. 4.The Netherlands embassy assesses the NFP application against the NFP eligibility criteria. 5.Nuffic identifies all eligible applications. 6.The Dutch institution and the Netherlands embassy both score the application. 7.Nuffic selects candidates based on both scores, taking into account the NFP priorities. 8.Nuffic awards a grant to the Dutch institution in order to finance the candidate's fellowship.	1.The candidate applies for admission to a master's degree programme at the Dutch institution. 2.The candidate applies for an NFP fellowship by submitting an online application at www.nuffic.nl/nfp . 3.The Dutch institution indicates if the candidate is admitted. 4.The Netherlands embassy assesses the NFP application against the NFP eligibility criteria. 5.Nuffic identifies all eligible applications. 6.The Dutch institutions and the Netherlands embassy both score the application. 7 Nuffic selects candidates based on both scores, taking into account the NFP priorities. 8.Nuffic awards a grant to the Dutch institution in order to finance the candidate's fellowship.
Fellowship application deadline	1 February 2011 and 1 October 2011	1 November 2010	There is no application deadline. Applications can be submitted throughout the year.	There is no application deadline. Applications can be submitted throughout the year.	1 February 2011, 1 May 2011 and 1 October 2011	1 February 2011 and 1 May 2011