

BFS - Regulations for Financial aid Master Programmes

Article 1. Basis for and scope of regulations

These regulations set out the procedural guidelines for financial aid to Master students through a scholarship programme.

Article 2. Scholarship programmes

The “The Hague University of Applied Sciences’ Bright Future Scholarship” programme aims to enhance The Hague University of Applied Sciences’ international profile by strengthening and ensuring diversity in the international classroom. To this end, The Hague University of Applied Sciences – The Hague Pro - will provide up to 3 one-off full scholarships to Master students per year through this scholarship programme.

Article 3. Scholarship Awards Committee

Each year, the Management Team of The Hague Pro establishes a committee to assess student essays. The Scholarship Awards Committee decides on all Masters scholarship applications on behalf of The Hague Pro. The Committee prepares a report on its activities which is submitted to the Management Team of The Hague Pro.

Article 4. Requirements

The scholarship application procedure is open to prospective students who:

- a) have submitted an application for enrolment in a Master’s degree programme at The Hague University of Applied Sciences;
- b) have not previously been enrolled in a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree programme at The Hague University of Applied Sciences or the institution’s preparatory school; and
- c) have not previously received financial aid from The Hague University of Applied Sciences as part of a scholarship programme.

The prospective student must meet the requirements outlined in this chapter, and must have followed the procedures it describes.

Article 5. Essay assignment

The prospective student must write an English essay of between 950 and 1100 words. In this essay, the student must answer the central question: **“As an impactful innovator, how would you contribute to creating a better world with your obtained degree?”**. By submitting the essay, the prospective student agrees to give permission for publication of the essay to The Hague University of Applied Sciences.

Article 6. Scholarship application procedure

The prospective student may address scholarship applications to the Master Scholarship Awards Committee. This application must have been submitted by 1st May prior to the academic year to which the scholarship relates. Applications must be submitted by means of the appropriate form, which can be found on The Hague University of Applied Sciences’ website. The prospective student must upload the essay as referred to in Article 5 into his/her application. The Master Scholarship Awards Committee will send the prospective student a confirmation of receipt and a description of the follow-up procedure as soon as possible. Applications submitted after the aforementioned deadline will not be taken into consideration by Master Scholarship Awards Committee. If the Committee rules that the student has failed to adequately

demonstrate force majeure, the Master Scholarship Awards Committee will declare the application inadmissible and duly notify the student of its decision. If the application is incomplete, the prospective student will be granted until 15 July to provide the missing information. If the application has not been supplemented with the required information before this date, the Scholarship Awards Committee will declare the application inadmissible and duly notify the prospective student of its decision.

Article 7. Decision on the scholarship application

The Scholarship Awards Committee will assess the essay assignments on the basis of the following criteria:

- a) compliance with the assignment as referred to in Article 5, paragraph 1;
- b) use of the English language; and
- c) originality.

Based on the criteria described in paragraph 1, the Master Scholarship Awards Committee will select up to 3 prospective students. These students will be awarded a provisional scholarship. The Committee will duly inform these prospective students in writing within four weeks after expiry of the application period as referred to in article 6, paragraph 1.

The Master Scholarship Awards Committee will also select various runners-up. The Committee will duly inform these runners-up of their status and the resulting implications in writing within four weeks after expiry of the application period as referred to in article 6, paragraph 1. The Scholarship Awards Committee will inform prospective students who have not been awarded a scholarship or selected as runners-up of the fact that they will not be eligible for a scholarship within four weeks after expiry of the application period as referred to in article 6, paragraph 1. All results are final, and The Scholarship Awards Committee will not enter into any correspondence.

If a prospective student as referred to in paragraph 2 is refused admission, decides to withdraw his/her enrolment, or fails to meet the enrolment criteria or residential requirements at the start of the academic year, his/her scholarship will be terminated. The scholarship must be commenced in the year it is awarded; deferment of a scholarship offer is not possible. The Master Scholarship Awards Committee will then decide which of the runners-up, as referred to in paragraph 3, will be awarded the relevant scholarship. The Committee will inform the prospective student of the fact that his/her scholarship has been terminated or awarded – as the case may be – in writing.

Article 8. Costs

The scholarship will become definitive once the prospective student to whom it has been provisionally awarded has met all enrolment requirements, demonstrated to be legally residing in the Netherlands and has entered into a written agreement to accept the scholarship. The tuition fee will be waived (exams, social events organized by The Hague Pro are included). Books will be provided to the scholarship winners by The Hague Pro. After the study has finished the books need to be returned to The Hague Pro. All other costs, e.g. transportation, additional articles need to be paid for by the scholarship recipient.

Article 9. Recipient conditions

Recipients must maintain their enrolment in the degree for which the scholarship was awarded unless approved by the programme director, and obtain a minimum of a Pass average. Recipients must agree that their written application may be read by the scholarship sponsors. Recipients must agree to their academic progress being made known to the scholarship sponsors. Recipients may be invited to become an ambassador for THUAS and The Hague Pro and represent the educational institution and its programmes in marketing activities. Recipients may be invited to contribute actively in the development of the Master programme of their choice (for instance becoming a member of the programme committee or advisory board after graduation). Scholarship recipients are obliged to take part in scholarship programme evaluations conducted by The Hague University of Applied Sciences.

Article 10. Funding

Each academic year, a total of 3 full scholarships can be allocated for financial aid to eligible Master students through the Susana Menendez - Bright Future Scholarships.

Article 11. Official title

These regulations may be referred to as “BFS - Regulations for Financial Aid Master Programmes”.

Article 12. Entry into force and evaluation

These regulations will enter into force on 15 June 2017. The Management Team of The Hague Pro will ensure the timely evaluation of these regulations. This evaluation must have taken place by 31 December each year at the latest.