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Netherlands Fellowship Programme

The Netherlands Fellowship Programmes (NFP) are demand-oriented fellowships designed to foster institutional development. The NFP are funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and administered by the Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education (Nuffic).

The fellowships are designed to meet the need for further training and capacity building in developing countries. To maximize their impact on capacity building, NFP-funded training must be linked to the institutional development of organizations. A wide range of organizations are eligible: governmental, private and non-governmental. They can include educational institutions, planning agencies, ministries, community-based organizations, and private enterprises, for example.

NFP fellowships for master's degrees

NFP fellowships, which are granted for the duration of the master's programme, cover tuition fees plus the costs of international travel, subsistence, books and health insurance. In 2011, the NFP allowance for subsistence costs, including accommodation in the Netherlands, amounted to € 970 per month.

Before you apply for a fellowship

NFP uses a two-step application procedure: applicants must first gain admission to the course or programme they have chosen and then apply for a fellowship. The appropriate fellowship application forms are available at the Netherlands embassies or consulates or can be downloaded from the Nuffic website (www.nuffic.nl/nfp).

The Netherlands embassies and consulates can provide more information about country-specific opportunities and regulations. For this reason, [candidates are advised to contact the embassy or consulate in their own country before they start the NFP application procedure.](#)

Eligibility

Applicants for a NFP fellowship for a master's programme must meet the following criteria:

- have been admitted to KIT's International Course in Health Development (ICHD/MPH). This means that the applicant meets all the requirements set out by the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) / Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU)
- have completed a NFP Master's Degree Programme Application Form and submitted all the required documentation to the Dutch embassy or consulate in the candidate's own country
- be nominated by their employer, who pledges to continue salary payments while the candidate is in the Netherlands and to hold their job until the candidate's return.

Application and selection procedure

I. Application for course admission

- Applicants first apply to KIT for admission to the ICHD/MPH. The ICHD/MPH deadline is **1 January 2012**.
- KIT assesses the application and decides whether or not the applicant's educational background and other experience meet programme requirements. KIT will inform applicants of its decision within 1 month of receiving the complete application. Successful candidates receive a letter indicating that they have been conditionally admitted.

- Candidates are eligible for a NFP fellowship only if they have been admitted to the ICHD/MPH and comply with all the fellowship criteria.

II. Application for a fellowship

NOTE: THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE WAS REVISED IN 2010. ALL APPLICANTS MUST FOLLOW THE NEW PROCEDURES AS DESCRIBED HERE.

After receiving a letter of conditional admission from KIT, candidates apply for a NFP fellowship. This can be done in two ways: paper-based or online.

Paper-based fellowship applications

Application forms can be downloaded from the Nuffic website: www.nuffic.nl/nfp

A complete application (including required documents)

must be sent by post to:

Nuffic, NFP-team

P.O. Box 29777

2502 LT The Hague

The Netherlands

The deadline for paper-based applications is:

1 January 2012

Online fellowship applications

Candidates can apply via the internet through Scholarships Online (SOL).

Go to www.nuffic.nl/nfp and click on:

Scholarships Online (SOL)

All fellowship applications are registered in SOL.

Candidates who apply online can follow the status of their fellowship application by logging onto SOL.

The Scholarship Online (SOL) opens on **1 November 2011**.

The deadline for Online Fellowship application

is **1 February 2012**

In case of questions, please contact courses@kit.nl

III. Awarding fellowships

- Nuffic decides how many fellowships will be available and awards a grant to KIT to cover the fellowship holders' costs.
- KIT pays each fellowship holder on behalf of Nuffic a monthly allowance for the duration of the master's programme.

Reminder

A letter of conditional admission should be in the candidate's possession well before the embassy's deadline for submitting fellowship applications. Candidates are therefore advised to start the course application procedure as early as possible.

Contact

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