

WCTS Regulations for Financial Aid - Masters Programmes

Article 1. Basis for and scope of regulations

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

Article 2. Scholarship programmes

The “The Hague University of Applied Sciences’ World Citizen Talent 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 € 5,000 scholarships per year, to Masters students through this scholarship programme.

Article 3. Scholarship Awards Committee

Each year, the Management Team of The Hague Pro establishes a committee to assess students’ essays. The Scholarship Awards Committee decides on all Masters scholarship applications on behalf of the Management Team 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 an International Masters degree programme at The Hague University of Applied Sciences;
- b) have not previously been enrolled in a Bachelors or Masters degree programme at The Hague University of Applied Sciences or the institution’s preparatory school;
- c) have not previously received financial aid from The Hague University of Applied Sciences as part of a scholarship programme; and
- d) have not received a scholarship from another institution or organisation. If another scholarship has been awarded the WCTS scholarship will be allocated to another student.

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

Article 5. World Citizen Talent Scholarship

You will write an essay in the English language of a minimum of 950 and a maximum of 1100 words:

- The Hague University of Applied Sciences brings together students from over 140 nationalities. Share an experience where working with people from different backgrounds challenged or broadened your perspective. How will you use this understanding to enrich our multicultural learning environment?

By submitting the essay, the prospective student agrees to transfer the rights to their work to The Hague University of Applied Sciences.

Article 6. Scholarship application procedure

The prospective students 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 'formdesk' form, which can be found on The Hague University of Applied Sciences' website. The prospective students must upload the essay as referred to in Article 5 into their applications.

The Master Scholarship Awards Committee will send the prospective students 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 a 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 15th July to provide the missing information. If the application has not been supplemented with the required information before this date, the Master 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 six 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 six 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 six 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 their enrolment, or fails to meet the enrolment criteria or residential requirements at the start of the academic year, their scholarship will be terminated. The Master Scholarship Awards Committee will then decide which of the runners-up, as referred to in paragraph 3, will be awarded the scholarship. The Committee will inform the prospective student of the fact that their scholarship has been terminated or awarded – as the case may be – in writing.

Article 8. Tuition fee waiver

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 pay the due amount of tuition fee. Once the scholarship has been definitively awarded, the relevant amount will be waved from the tuition fee as being the last instalment. If a scholarship recipient decides to deregister prematurely during the academic year for which they were awarded a scholarship, the scholarship will not be waved from the tuition fee. Scholarship recipients are obliged to take part in scholarship programme evaluations conducted by The Hague University of Applied Sciences.

Article 9. Funding

Each academic year, a total of €15,000 can be allocated for financial aid to eligible Masters students through scholarships.

Article 10. Official title

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

Article 11. Entry into force and evaluation

These regulations will enter into force on 1 January 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.