World Citizen Talent Scholarship (WCTS) Regulations for Master's Programmes

Academic year 2027–2028

Article 1. Purpose and scope

The World Citizen Talent Scholarship (WCTS) is a merit-based scholarship programme of The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS). The scholarship aims to strengthen the quality and diversity of the international classroom and to enhance the international profile of THUAS.

These regulations apply to prospective students applying for an *unsubsidised* Master's programme at THUAS for the September intake of the academic year to which the scholarship call relates.

Article 2. Scholarship characteristics

1. THUAS awards up to three (3) WCTS scholarships per academic year.
2. Each scholarship amounts to €5,000 and is awarded as a one-off financial contribution towards study-related costs.
3. The scholarship is not a full-cost scholarship and does not cover tuition fees in full.
4. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit, following a comparative assessment. There is no allocation per programme; multiple scholarships may be awarded to candidates from the same Master's programme.

Article 3. Eligible programmes

The WCTS is open exclusively to applicants for the following *unsubsidised* Master's programmes at THUAS:

- Master – Business Administration
- Master – Financial Management & Control
- Master – International Communication Management

Article 4. Eligibility requirements

An applicant is eligible for the WCTS if the applicant:

1. holds a non-EER nationality;
2. applies for the September intake of one of the Master's programmes listed in Article 3;
3. originates from outside the Netherlands and does not reside in the Netherlands at the time of application;
4. has submitted an application for enrolment in one of the above Master's programmes at THUAS before 1 May;
5. has submitted a complete WCTS scholarship application before 1 May;
6. meets all admission requirements of the chosen Master's programme;
7. completes enrolment at THUAS no later than 1 September of the relevant academic year.
8. must meet an IELTS Academic test with an overall score of at least 7.0.

Article 5. Essay assignment and rights

1. Applicants must submit an original essay in English of a maximum of 800 words, responding to the essay request as published on the THUAS website.
2. The essay must be written by the applicant without the use of AI-generated content or AI writing tools.
3. By submitting the essay, the applicant confirms that the work is original and agrees to transfer the rights to the essay to The Hague University of Applied Sciences for scholarship-related purposes.

Article 6. Application procedure

1. Information on the application procedure, deadlines and required documents is published on the THUAS website: Scholarships | The Hague University of Applied Sciences.
2. Applications that are incomplete or submitted after the deadline will not be taken into consideration.
3. In exceptional cases, THUAS may assess whether a delay or incompleteness is the result of force majeure. Force majeure is understood as unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances beyond the applicant's control that directly prevented timely submission.

Article 7. Selection, assessment and decision

1. Eligible applications are assessed competitively on the basis of the essay, using at least the following criteria:
    - relevance and quality of content;
    - clarity of structure and argumentation;
    - use of the English language;
    - originality and authenticity.
2. Reflection may be considered insofar as it strengthens the quality and relevance of the essay.
3. A selection committee appointed by THUAS carries out the assessment and safeguards objectivity through collective scoring and ranking.[1]
4. All applicants are informed of the outcome of their application within six weeks after the application deadline.
5. In addition to selected scholarship recipients, the committee may designate runners-up. Runners-up are personally contacted only if a selected candidate declines or is unable to accept the scholarship.
6. The committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Article 8. Award conditions and waiver

1. The scholarship is awarded conditionally and becomes definitive once the applicant has met all enrolment requirements.
2. The scholarship amount is waived from the tuition fee, in accordance with applicable THUAS financial procedures.

[1] Weighing: Content: 30%, Organization & Structure 25%, Grammar, Language & Style 15%, Authenticity 30%

3. If a scholarship recipient deregisters before or during the academic year, the scholarship may be withdrawn or not applied.

Article 9. Final provisions

1. These regulations enter into force on the date determined by THUAS and apply to the academic year stated in the scholarship call.
2. THUAS reserves the right to amend these regulations where necessary.

Article 10. Entry into force and evaluation

These regulations will enter into force on 1 January 2026. 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.