

**REGULATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMME  
“HOLLAND SCHOLARSHIP” (ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024)**

*Section 7.51 of the WHW*

**Article 1. Basis for and scope of regulations**

These regulations set out the procedural guidelines for financial aid to non-EEA students as a part of the Profiling Fund, through scholarship programmes as referred to in Section 7.51, paragraph 3 of the WHW (Higher Education and Research Act).

**Article 2. Scholarship programme**

1. The “Holland Scholarship” (HS) programme is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science as well as Dutch universities. The scholarship is aimed at stimulating talented international students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) to study in the Netherlands. The number of HS scholarships can vary each academic year based on the allocated funding from the aforementioned ministry.
2. The scholarship programme is meant for international students from outside the European Economic Area (EU-countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) who want to do their bachelor’s degree programme in the Netherlands.

**Article 3. Scholarship Awards Committee**

1. Each year, the Executive Board establishes a committee – at the request of the Education, Knowledge and Communication department – to assess student essays.
2. The Scholarship Awards Committee decides on all scholarship applications on behalf of the Executive Board.
3. Each year, the Committee prepares a report on its activities which is then submitted to the Executive Board.

**Article 4. Requirements**

1. The scholarship application procedure is open to prospective students who:
  - a. have submitted an application for enrolment for a first year Bachelor’s degree programme at The Hague University of Applied Sciences;
  - b. qualify for the institutional fee at The Hague University of Applied Sciences, as referred to in Section 7.46 of the WHW;
  - c. were not previously enrolled in a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree programme at The Hague University of Applied Sciences or any of the institution’s pre-bachelor programmes;
  - d. have not previously obtained a degree from another Dutch higher education institution;

- e. were not enrolled at another Dutch higher education institution in the academic year 2023/2024;
  - f. have not previously received financial aid from The Hague University of Applied Sciences as part of a scholarship programme.
2. The prospective student must meet the requirements outlined in this chapter, and must have followed the procedures it describes.

**Article 5. Essay assignment**

1. The prospective student must write an essay in English anywhere between 750 and 1100 words. The essay topic concerns sustainable development goals. The assignment itself can be located on the Hague University's website [Scholarships and financial support in The Hague - The Hague University](#)
2. The essay must be submitted using the template provided at [www.thehagueuniversity.com/scholarships](http://www.thehagueuniversity.com/scholarships).
3. By submitting the essay, the prospective student agrees to transfer the rights to his/her work to The Hague University of Applied Sciences.

**Article 6. Scholarship application procedure**

1. The prospective student may address scholarship applications to the Scholarship Awards Committee. This application must have been submitted by June 1, 2023 prior to the academic year to which the scholarship relates. Applications must be submitted by means of the appropriate form, which must be filled in online on The Hague University of Applied Sciences' website.
2. The prospective student must include the essay as referred to in Article 5 with his/her application.
3. The Scholarship Awards Committee will send the prospective student a confirmation of receipt and a description of the follow-up procedure as soon as possible.
4. Applications submitted after the aforementioned deadline will not be taken into consideration by Scholarship Awards Committee. If the Committee rules that the student has failed to adequately demonstrate force majeure, the Scholarship Awards Committee will declare the application inadmissible and duly notify the student of its decision.
5. If the application is incomplete, the prospective student may supplement the missing information until June 1, 2023. 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**

1. 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 or 2;
  - b. use of the English language;
  - c. originality.
2. A maximum of 15 scholarships per academic year can be allocated to each nationality.
3. Based on the criteria described in paragraphs 1 and 2, the Scholarship Awards Committee will select 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.
4. The 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.
5. 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.
6. All results are final, and The Scholarship Awards Committee will not enter into any correspondence.
7. If a prospective student as referred to in paragraph 3 is refused admission, decides to withdraw his/her enrolment, or fails to meet the enrolment criteria or residential requirements as referred to in Section 7.45a, paragraph 1 of the WHW, under b, at the start of the academic year, his/her scholarship will be terminated. The Scholarship Awards Committee will then decide which of the runners-up, as referred to in paragraph 4, 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. Payment of the scholarship**

1. 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 paid the required institutional fee.
2. Once the scholarship has been definitively awarded, the relevant amount will be paid out on provision that the student has opened a Dutch bank account. The scholarship amount will be transferred to this account.
3. If a scholarship recipient decides to terminate his enrolment prematurely during the academic year for which he/she was awarded a scholarship, the relevant amount will be recovered on a pro rata basis.
4. Scholarship recipients are obliged to take part in scholarship programme evaluations conducted by The Hague University of Applied Sciences.

**Article 9. Funding**

1. For the academic year 2023/2024, a total of € 85,000 will be allocated for financial aid to non-EEA students through HS.
2. Each year, THUAS applies for funds for the HS programme to the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. THUAS then matches the amount allocated by the aforementioned ministry.

**Article 10. Official title**

These regulations may be referred to as “Regulations for Financial Aid Programme “Holland Scholarship””.

**Article 11. Entry into force and evaluation**

1. These regulations will enter into force on 1 September 2023.
2. The Executive Board will ensure the timely evaluation of these regulations. This evaluation must have taken place by 31 December 2023 at the latest.