

Terms and Conditions of the VU Fellowship Programme (VUFP)

1. Rights and obligations

1.1. These Rules & Regulations apply to all VUFP holders.

1.2. Vrije Universiteit accepts no liability for the consequences of illness, accidents, etc., nor any other risks that the acceptance of the VU Fellowship Programme may entail for the scholarship holder.

1.3. The VUFP scholarship **covers tuition fees only**. It does not provide any additional allowance towards study or living costs, like rent, food, and insurance. Be aware that you must be able to finance these living expenses by yourself.

2. Duration of the scholarship

2.1. The VUFP scholarship can be granted for a one or two-year master's programme. The scholarship will only be extended for the second year of a two-year master's programme if 100% of the ECTS of the first year have been achieved.

3. During the scholarship

3.1. Scholarship holders must complete the programme for which they were granted the scholarship to the best of their ability. They must be prepared at any time to provide the VUFP scholarship office with information concerning the progress of their programme, and to cooperate fully in any form of programme evaluation carried out by Vrije Universiteit including attending any meetings.

3.2. As one of our most excellent students, you agree to become an international student ambassador during your studies at VU Amsterdam. As an ambassador for our university, you will, for example, answer questions from prospective international students that contact you through the Unibuddy chat platform. In this way, you can contribute to our international community.

3.3. The scholarship is granted for the programme for which its holder submitted the application. Requests for a change of study programme under the VU Fellowship Programme will only be considered by the University in exceptional cases and must meet the following criteria:

- The request is accompanied by an explanation.
- The requested programme is taught at Vrije Universiteit.
- The application for the change of programme is made not later than six weeks after the starting date of the original programme.

3.4. You must report immediately to the International Office ([via contact form](#)), in writing, any circumstances that are going to prevent you from successfully continuing or completing your programme, for example:

- if you leave the programme c.q. university before completing your degree because you have discontinued your studies;

- if you leave the programme before completing your degree and switch to another programme;
- if you leave the programme c.q. university before completing your degree because of illness;
- any changes in nationality.

3.5. Deferral of scholarships is not possible.

4. Scholarship Eligibility

The VU Fellowship Programme (VUFP) offers talented prospective non-EU/EEA students the unique opportunity to pursue a master's degree at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. VU Amsterdam has committed to providing approximately 1 million euros towards attracting highly motivated and excellent students.

4.1 Eligible candidates

- You hold a non-EU/EEA passport, and you are not eligible for the lower tuition fee.
- You do not have the Dutch nationality.
- You can prove your academic excellence (GPA equivalent to a Dutch 8).
- You are conditionally or unconditionally admitted to the first year of a full-time English-taught master's programme at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam starting per September 2027.

Please note that:

- Students starting in February cannot apply,
- joint programmes where VU Amsterdam does not administer the admission process are excluded from VUFP.
- The degree with which you are seeking admission has not been obtained in the Netherlands.
- You do not need to complete a preparatory programme before the start of your Master.

5. Combining the VUFP with the NL Scholarship

When applying for the VUFP scholarship, you automatically also apply for the NL Scholarship. No separate application is necessary.

NL Scholarship is a contribution towards the cost of living. It is €5,000 EUR or €10,000 for the entire duration of your study period. Please note:

The NL Scholarship is awarded only for the first year of your study programme. You will not receive the NL Scholarship for the second year of your studies even if you are following a two-year study programme.

We have around 20-25 NL Scholarships available. Only a few of the VUFP awardees will receive the NL Scholarship.