

Funding from your own country

Many European students can get financial support from their own government when they come to the Netherlands for a study. This has been the case for exchange students for some time now. For many years, Dutch students have been able to keep their student grant when they go for a study period at a partner university abroad. What is new is that it is increasingly possible to take a grant for a full study programme.

This possibility is open for students from the following countries: Austria, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Flanders, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg Norway and Sweden. Ireland and Georgia provide student grants to take abroad for a full course, but only for a specific phase: Ireland for a bachelor's and Georgia for a master's programme. Scotland has shown interest in implementing study grants that can be used abroad.

The rules, conditions and types of funding vary for each country. There are differences between direct support (for instance a government grant) and indirect support (for instance tax advantages for parents of children studying abroad). The way the support is issued also differs, sometimes it is a gift, other times a loan.

Many new developments are emerging. If you would like to know what the status is in your own country and whether you are eligible for a grant, you can contact the international office of your own university, the ministry of education of your home country or one of Nuffic's counterpart organizations. They will be able to give you the latest information.