

Frequently Asked Questions Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP)

Nr	Subject	Question	Answer
1	Deadlines	When is the next deadline for individual fellowships?	The next deadline for applications for individual fellowships is in April 2018, for short courses and master degree programmes.
2	List of countries	Has the country list for fellowships and group trainings changed?	Nuffic used a different country list for the November 2017 deadline. For the April 2018 deadline, Nuffic uses a new, updated list. Please check the website for the latest version.
3	Instruments	Is the new programme open for all instruments?	The programme involves various instruments, such as individual fellowships for short courses, master's degrees, refresher courses, group trainings and projects between knowledge institutes. PhDs fellowships are only available as part of projects. Please note that in some countries "the integrated programme" applies (involving projects, individual fellowships and group trainings); in other countries "the programme for individual fellowships and group trainings" applies. Please consult the website for the latest information.
4	Embassy	What is the role of the embassy in the new programme?	The embassies have a key role in aligning the new programme with local priorities and needs, as part of the overall country strategy of the Ministry. The programme supports the country strategy, priorities, programmes and initiatives from perspective of capacity building and knowledge development. Embassies are actively consulted in the analysis / identification / articulation phase of the programme (questionnaire, Skype consultations, face-to-face consultations/ missions), and on a structural basis in the

			implementation phase.
5	Integrated programme	What is meant with "the integrated programme"?	In selected countries (1) projects, (2) individual fellowships and (3) group trainings can be used to address knowledge and capacity development needs - as part of key thematic / regional priorities. Please consult the website for the latest information.
6	Fellowships/ group training programme	What is meant with "the programme for individual fellowship and group trainings"?	In selected countries (1) individual fellowships and (2) group trainings can be used to address knowledge and capacity development needs - as part of key thematic / regional priorities. Please consult the website for the latest information.
7	Priority sectors Ministry of Foreign Affairs	What are the priorities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with respect to the programme?	Key priorities for the programme - as indicated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2017 - are: Food Security, Water, Security and Rule of Law, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Private Sector Development, Climate, Gender and Inclusive Development (with specific attention for marginalised and discriminated groups) are cross-cutting themes that have to be taken into account in all the activities of the programme.
8	Budget	How will the budget of the programme be divided between the participating countries?	This will be decided on the basis of the present priorities set for the programme / regions / countries - analysis of information generated as part of general context scan (desk study and stakeholder consultations in the Netherlands) and country specific scans (questionnaires for Embassies, follow-up consultations, in-country consultations). Decision making by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in close consultation with Nuffic, guided by advice from an independent Advisory Board. Annual update of priorities / budget - decision making.

9	Instruments	How will the budget be divided over the capacity building instruments?	This will be decided on the basis of the specific knowledge development and capacity gaps in countries / regions and need for specific solutions / instruments. On basis of present analysis of information generated as part of general context scan (desk study and stakeholder consultations in the Netherlands) and country specific scans (questionnaires for Embassies, follow-up consultations, in-country consultations). Decision making by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in close consultation with Nuffic, guided by advice from independent Advisory Board. Annual update of priorities / instruments - decision making.
10	Eligible countries for MA courses	Which country list is used for the next MA deadline?	There are two lists of eligible countries: (1) countries eligible for MA applications as part of "the integrated programme", (2) countries eligible for MA applications as part of "the individual fellowships and group trainings programme". Please consult the website for the latest information.
11	Attention for professional education / TVET	To what extent will the programme pay attention to professional higher education and TVET in developing countries? What implications would this have for cooperation with Dutch knowledge institutions?	Labour market needs are key in the development of the new programme, which aims at strengthening education and training capacity at individual, group and institutional level. Governments and international institutions are paying increasing attention to professional education and TVET. It is expected that Dutch Universities of Applied Sciences (HBO) and Professional Education Institutes (MBO) will play an important role in the program.
12		How will co-financing be integrated in the new programme?	Co-financing is an important principle in the implementation of the program. Nuffic will apply a differentiated approach, in which possibilities for co-financing and tailor-made mechanisms will be explored and applied.

13		Are other priority areas apart from food security, water, SRHR and Security and the rule of law likely to be included in the programme?	Private sector development and climate are explicitly mentioned by the Ministry. Other themes may be added at country level, if deemed opportune.
14	Regional focus	Are regionally implemented TMTs possible? (target group consists of participants from multiple countries)	Yes
15	Alumni	Will the alumni activities, such as co- financing on Alumni associations activities and the Refresher Courses, be continuing in the KOP?	At this moment we are developing the OKP alumni strategy. Part of this strategy are the instruments for alumni activities. As of March 2018 the alumni strategy will be made public.