

Short guide for the application & selection process of OKP Master's degree programmes (MA), Short Courses (SC)

Overall aim

The Orange Knowledge Programme aims to advance the development of the capacity, knowledge and quality of both individuals as well as organisations both in the field of Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Higher Education and in other fields related to the priority themes in the OKP partner countries.

Target group

Professionals who are nationals of and working and living in one of the OKP countries.

Country list

The April deadline 2018 is open to candidates from the OKP partner countries

OKP Focus

Check the website for up to date information on the country focus areas per country. Ensure that you nominate candidates that meet the country focus areas.

Atlas

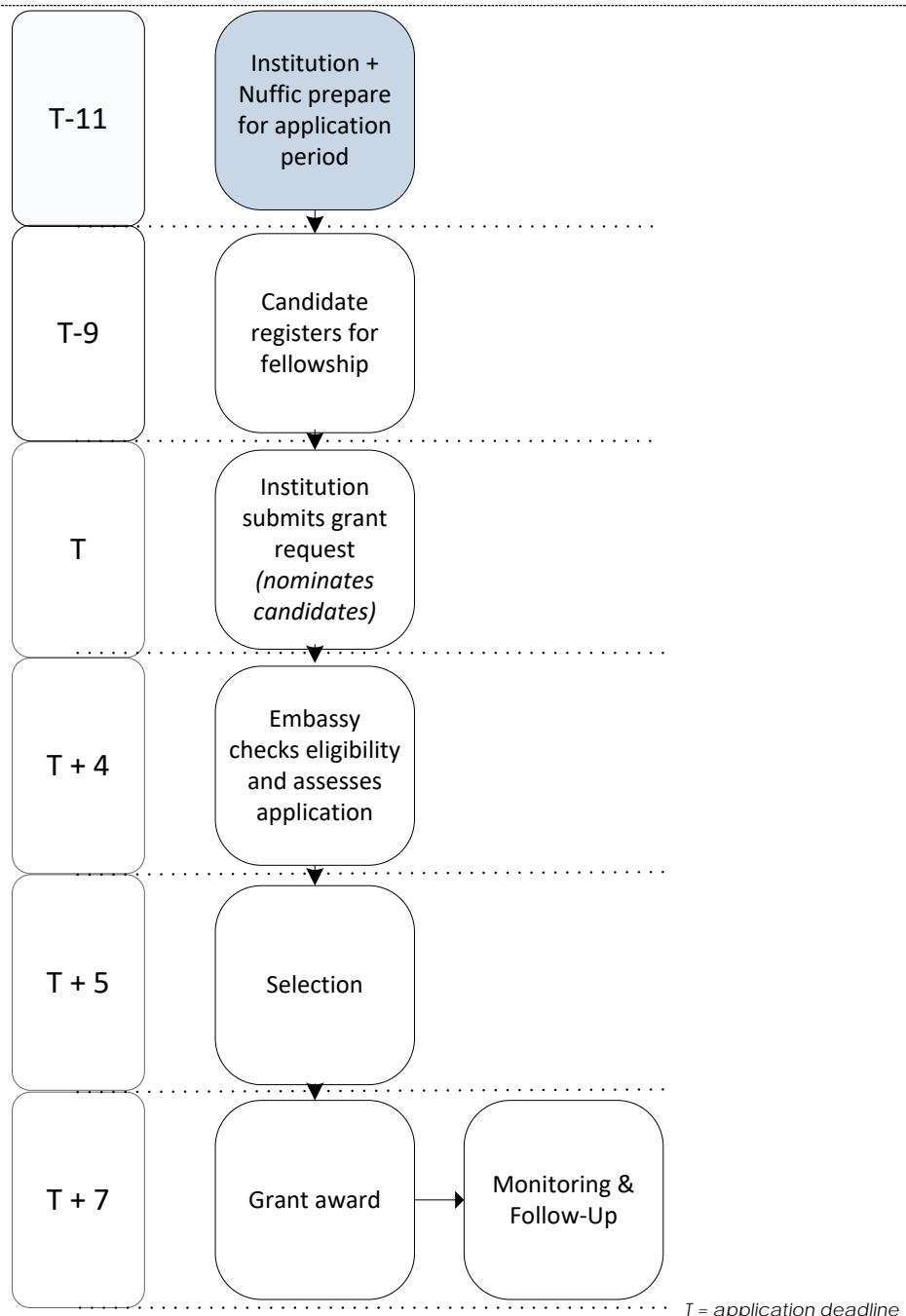
The information in the candidate registration form is entered into the Atlas database. Through Atlas Dutch institutions can request a grant (nominate candidates). Nuffic will communicate with Dutch institutions and embassies via Atlas, by sending email updates. Dutch institutions and embassies have their own access to a shielded part of Atlas.

Application deadlines (for grant applications by Dutch institution)

Programme	Application deadline
OKP Master's degree	April
OKP Short courses	April

Fellowship application deadlines are determined by the Dutch institutions.

Nuffic will **not** compile a course list or publish a list on the Nuffic website. Candidates can, for instance, consult www.studyfinder.nl for information about courses and programmes.



Nuffic and institution prepare for application period

In this phase Nuffic and the Dutch institutions make preparations for the application period.

Nuffic

- Determine the maximum number of candidates each institution can nominate (per modality and per deadline)
- Import course information from HODEX/Studiekeuze Webformulier

Dutch institution

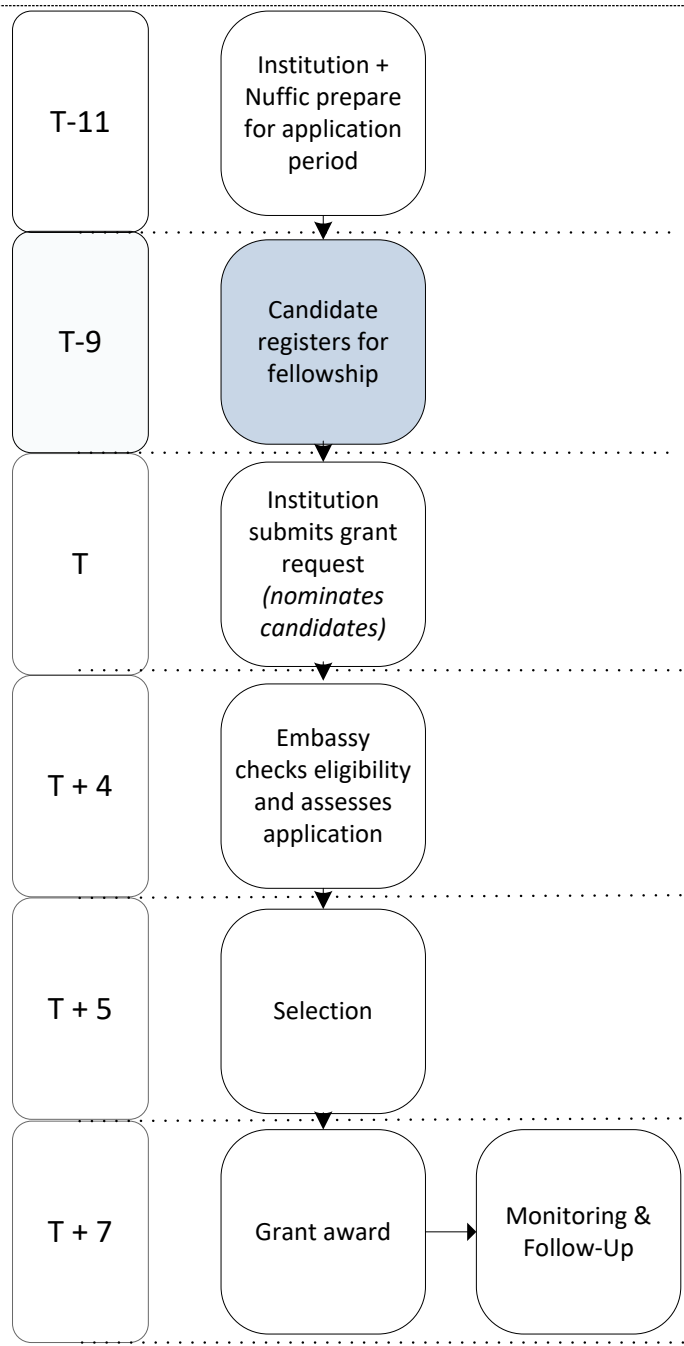
- Check Atlas accounts
- Register in HODEX/SWF courses for OKP
- As soon as courses are imported in Atlas: check and, if necessary, update course information in Atlas
- Update information concerning OKP on, for instance, website, letters, emails
- Determine deadline for academic admission and fellowship application and publish information (on for instance website, letters, emails)
- Check and, if necessary, update candidate registration form.

Embassy

- check Atlas accounts

Candidate

No task for candidate



T = application deadline

Candidate registers for fellowship

Nuffic

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Dutch institution

- Process all applications for a OKP fellowship:
 - Check applications if details and uploads are present and correct
 - Uploads: copy ID, employer's statement, government statement (if applicable)
 - Decide if candidate will be nominated

Institutions are advised to check applications against eligibility. Non eligible applications will be rejected and reduce the number of fellowships that might be granted.

Embassy

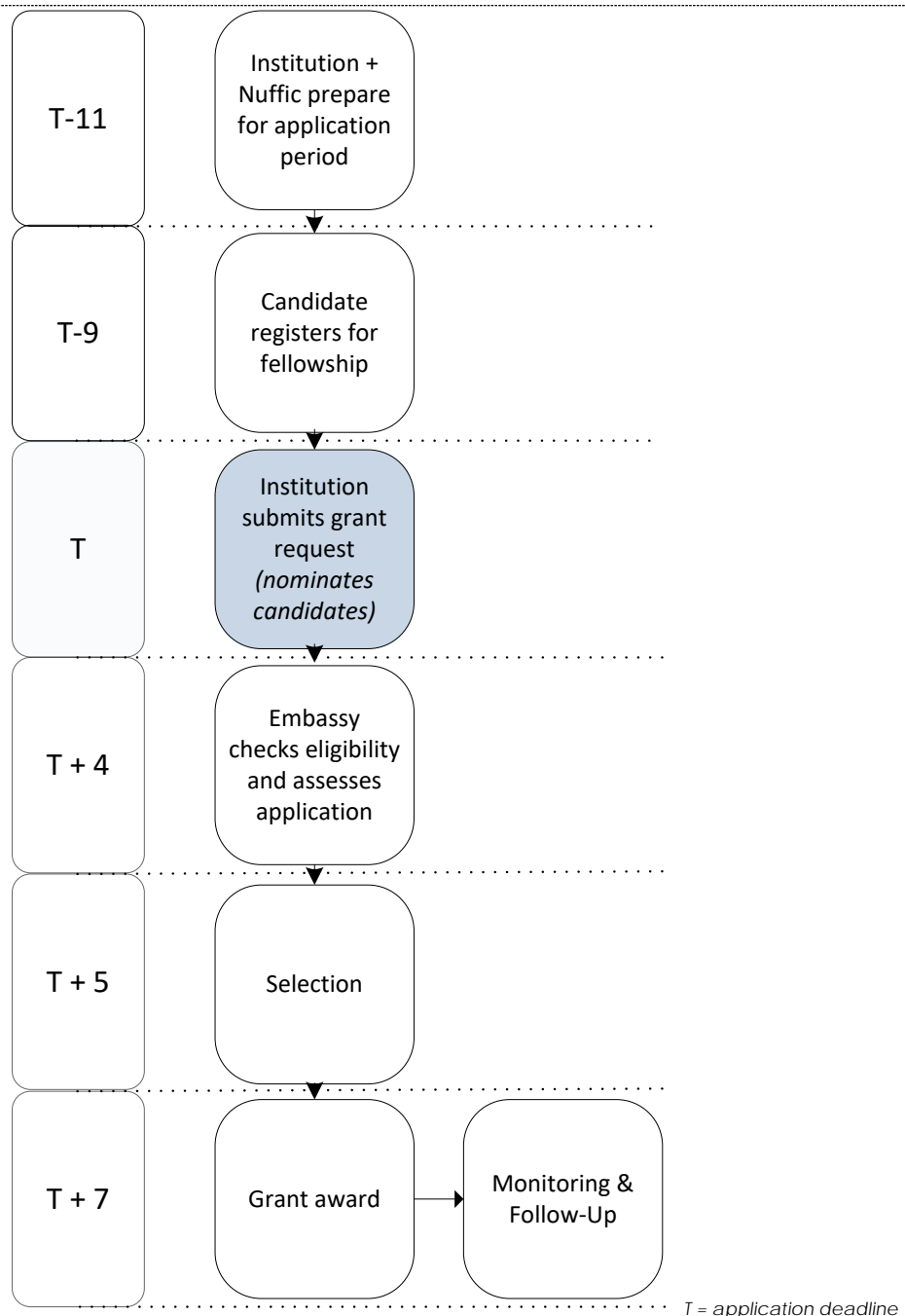
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Candidate

- Check information regarding course and deadlines published by Dutch institution
- Check information regarding registering for a OKP fellowship published by Dutch institution
- Collect information and documents
- Request academic admission
- Register for fellowship via registration form (supplied by Dutch institution)

To be eligible a nominated candidate:

- must be a professional and national of, and working and living in one of the countries on the OKP country list;
- must have an employer's statement that complies with the format Nuffic has provided. All information must be provided and all commitments that are included in the format must be endorsed in the statement;
- must not be employed by an organisation that has its own means of staff development. Organisations that are considered to have their own means for staff development are for example: multinational corporations (e.g. Shell, Unilever, Microsoft), large national and/or a large commercial organisations, bilateral donor organisations (e.g. USAID, DFID, Danida, Sida, Dutch ministry of Foreign affairs, FinAid, AusAid, ADC, SwissAid), multilateral donor organisations (e.g. a UN organisation, the World Bank, the IMF, Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, IADB), international NGOs (e.g. Oxfam, Plan, Care);
- must have an official and valid passport;
- must not receive more than one fellowship for courses that take place at the same time;
- must have a government statement that meets the requirements of the country in which the employer is established (if applicable).



Dutch institution submits grant request (nominates candidates)

Nuffic

- Atlas: checks at the time of submitting a grant request if candidates and course meet the criteria. If these criteria are not met, the grant request cannot be submitted.

Dutch institution

- Check in Atlas the maximum number of nominations
- Apply for additional housing (OKP-SC) if applicable
- Submit grant request (nomination of candidates for which institution would like a grant):
 - Before application deadline expires
 - OKP: one grant request per sub-programme per deadline
 - Via Atlas
- Inform candidates who have **not** been nominated

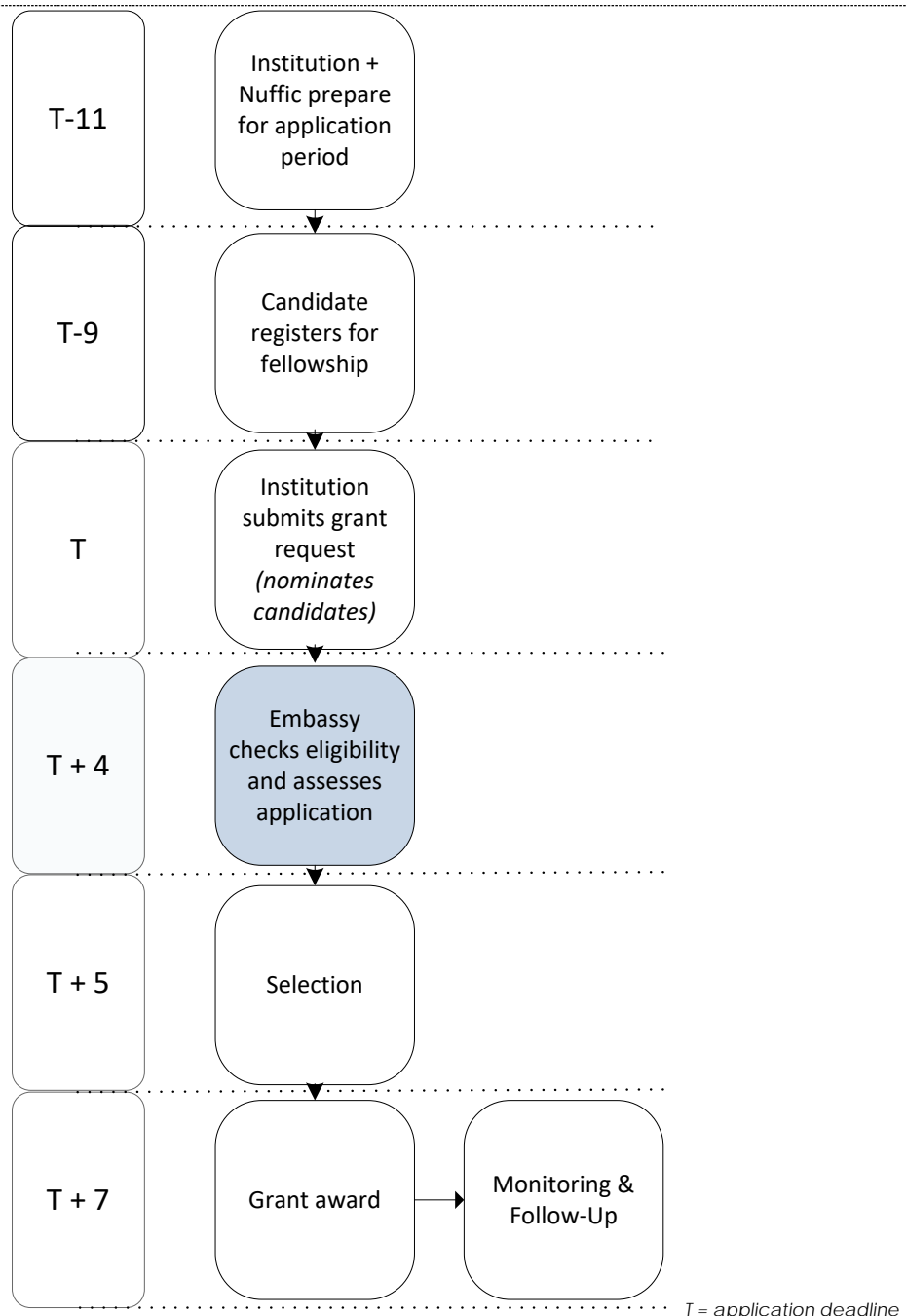
Institutions are advised not to submit a grant request close to an application deadline. If the request does not meet a criterion, the request cannot be submitted.

Embassy

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Candidate

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Embassy checks eligibility and assesses application

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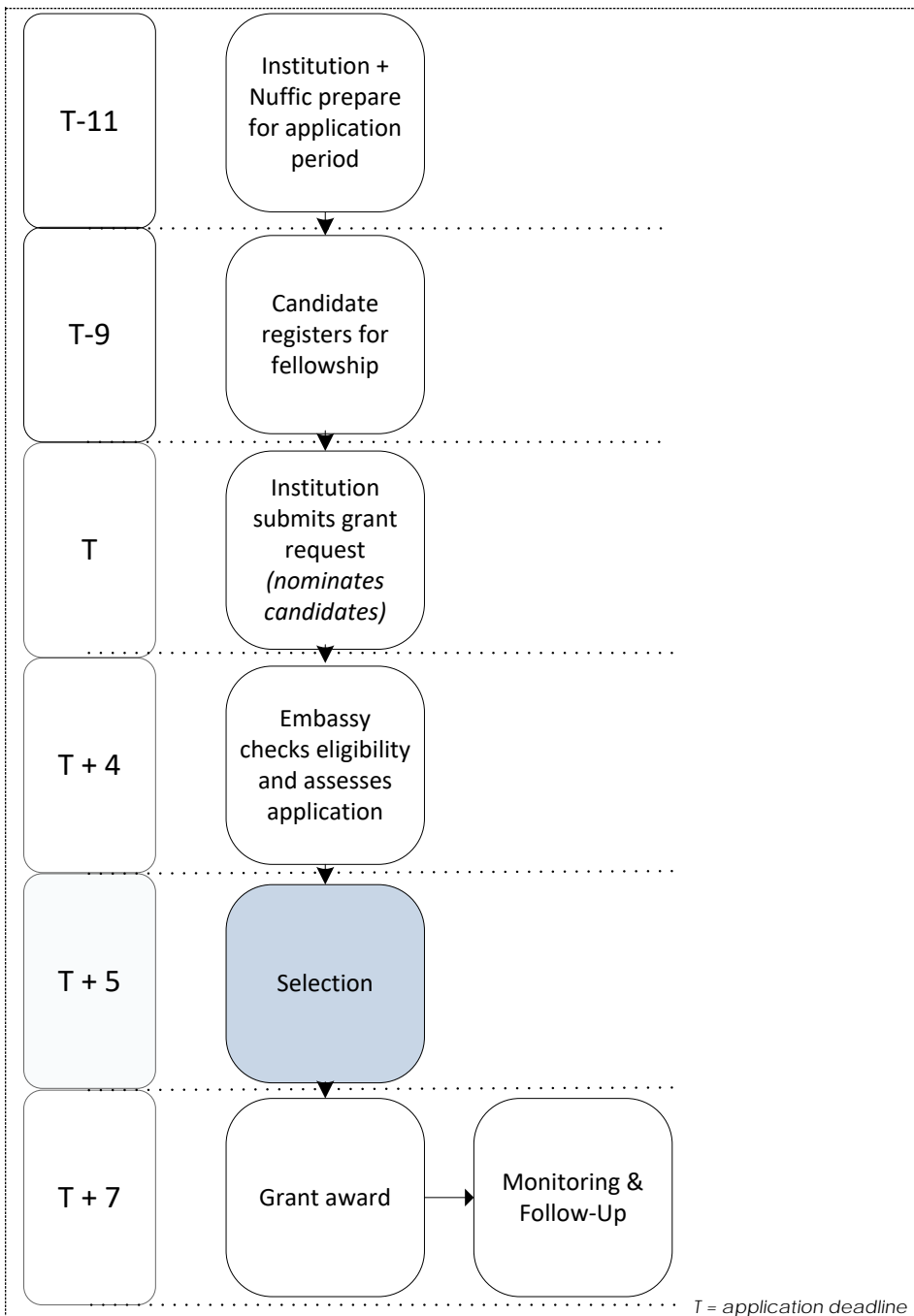
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- Embassy
- Check eligibility candidates
 - Only nominated candidates
 - Not eligible applications will be rejected
 - Assess eligible candidates
 - Only eligible application

- Assessment is based on relevance application for the country on:
- The degree to which the application fits into the target group
 - How well the candidate is able to implement the newly-acquired knowledge in his daily work;
 - To what extent the knowledge will contribute to the development of the country.
 - How well the plans for the time after returning to the employer are described and how easily they can be implemented.

The assessment of a candidate consists of answering questions. Each question indirectly leads to a number of points. A not assessed application will receive 0 points. However, this application is still eligible and can still be selected for a fellowship.

Candidate
No tasks candidate



Selection

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- Performs selection through Atlas
- Only eligible applications
- The assessment leads to a ranking.
- The highest ranked applications are selected, but taking the policy principles into consideration:

OKP:

- Priorities based on the country scan from the embassies

Dutch institution

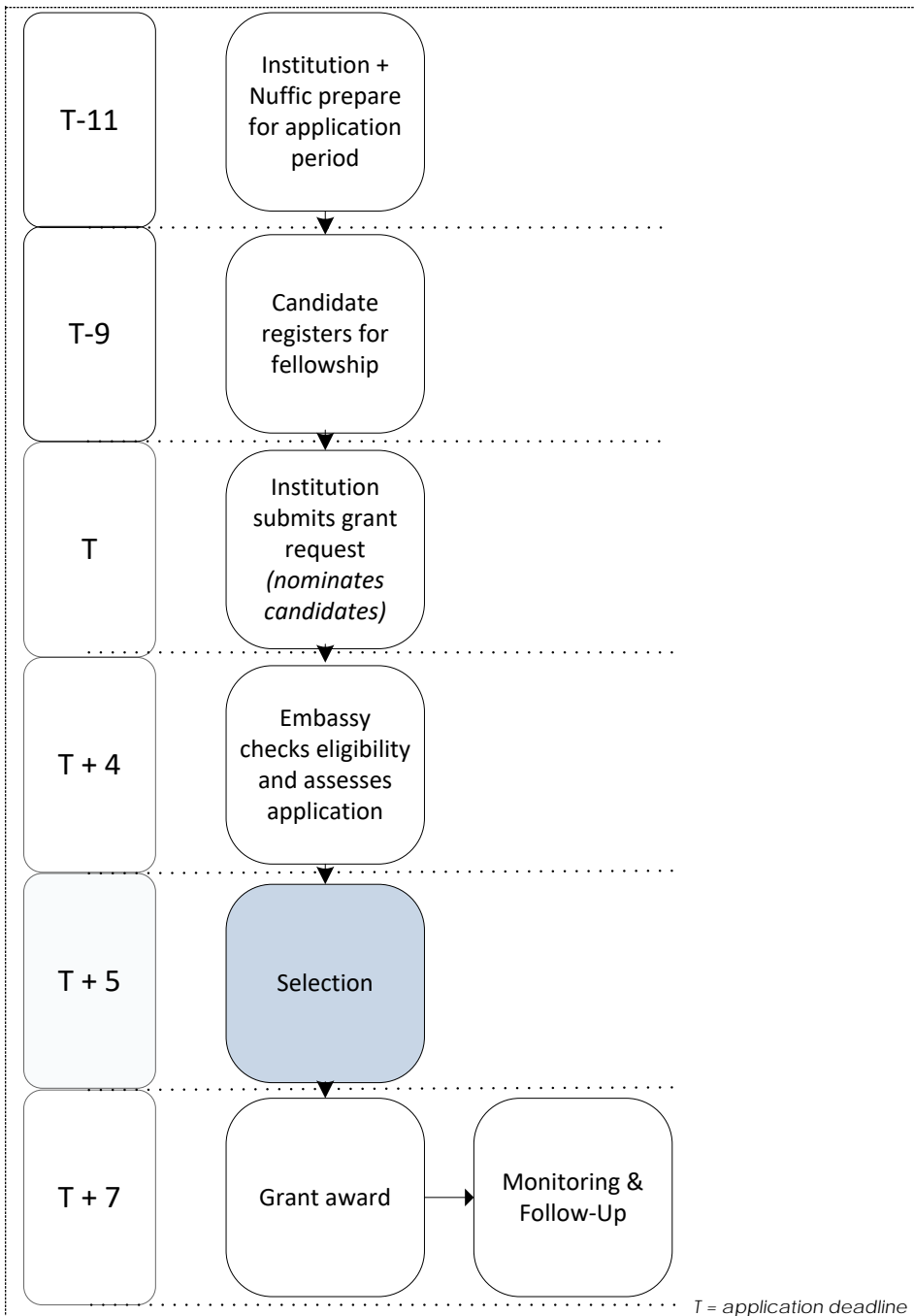
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Candidate

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Grant award

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- Send grant award letter to Dutch institution
 - OKP: per sub-programme per deadline
 - Gives an overview of which nominated candidates are selected, which are not selected, which applications have been rejected (for instance not eligible application)

Dutch institution

- Check the grant award letter
- Inform **all** nominated candidates of the result of the selection
- Inform selected candidates of further procedure with regard to fellowship

Embassy

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Candidate

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More information:

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<https://www.nuffic.nl/en/capacity-building/OKP>



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