



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

# The Netherlands Fellowship Programmes (NFP)

*Fellowships for professionals*

## More information

Interested organisations and potential candidates may contact the participating Dutch higher education institutions for further information, such as candidate criteria and the application and selection procedures.



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## A stepping stone to sustainable staff development

Education and training are key instruments for strengthening human capacity and helping organisations grow and develop. The Netherlands Fellowship Programmes (NFP) offer a unique opportunity to participate in a range of high-quality education and training courses in the Netherlands.

### Fellowships and funding for:

- Master's degree programmes
- Short courses
- PhD research
- NFP alumni activities
- Tailor-made training





## The Netherlands Fellowship Programmes (NFP)

The Netherlands Fellowship Programmes (NFP<sup>1</sup>) offer fellowships to professionals who are nationals of and work and live in an NFP country. The overall aim is to help alleviate qualitative and quantitative shortages of skilled staff at a wide range of governmental and non-governmental organisations. The need for training has to be evident within the context of the organisation. Candidates therefore have to be nominated by their employers. An NFP fellowship is intended to supplement the salary that the fellowship holder should continue to receive during the study period. The allowance is a contribution towards the fellowship holder's costs of living. The fellowship contributes to the costs of tuition fees, visas, travel, insurance and thesis research.

### Sub-programmes

The NFP has four sub-programmes that enable candidates to participate in a range of Dutch master's degree programmes, short courses or do a PhD. Next to fellowships for individual training the NFP also offer funding for alumni activities and tailor-made training.

### Priorities

Each embassy has its own focus area to support the development goals of the Netherlands in each NFP country. The overall objective of the NFP is to spend 35% of the budget on grants and study programmes in food security and private sector development. The countries have been classified into two categories (I and II). Category I countries are priority countries and will receive more fellowships.

The fellowships are further prioritised as follows:

- 50% of the budget is allocated to applications from Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 50% of the fellowships has to be awarded to female applicants.

<sup>1</sup> The Netherlands Fellowship Programmes (NFP) are initiated and fully funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the budget for Development Cooperation.

## NFP countries

The NFP countries have been classified into two categories:

### Category 1

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burundi, Colombia, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Myanmar (Burma), Nigeria, Palestinian Territories, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, Yemen.

### Category 2

Albania, Armenia, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cuba, DR Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Georgia, Guatemala, Jordan, Macedonia, Mongolia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Thailand, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

## How to apply

The participating Dutch higher education institutions can give you more information about the eligibility criteria and the application and selection process for the sub-programmes master's degree programmes, short courses and PhD research.

The online database [www.studyfinder.nl](http://www.studyfinder.nl) contains information about international master's degree programmes and short courses offered by Dutch higher education institutions. More information about studying in the Netherlands can be found on [www.studyinholland.nl](http://www.studyinholland.nl).

## Keeping in touch: Alumni activities

The NFP also offer funds for alumni activities, including refresher courses to increase the impact and prolong the effect of previous training. Start-up grants are available for new Netherlands Alumni Associations (NAAs), while existing NAAs that wish to organise an activity can apply for a financial contribution. In 2014, two new alumni activities have been introduced:

- Introductory visits to Dutch organisations
- The NFP Holland Ambassador Programme

More information about NFP alumni activities can be found on [www.hollandalumni.nl/nfp](http://www.hollandalumni.nl/nfp) where you can also register as a Holland Alumnus.

## Effect of the fellowship

NFP fellowships are awarded to highly motivated professionals. Candidates have to be nominated by their employers. After completing their training the fellows return to their original workplace. This ensures the training is embedded within the employing organisation.

Candidates improve their knowledge and skills, learn about relevant global developments in their field and build an international network. The result is twofold: the employing organisation has directly invested in staff development and the professional has gained a valuable asset for their further career.