



Graduate School of Social Sciences

International Office Social Sciences

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Requirements for eligibility AES Scholarship

For highly talented prospective non-EU students with an excellent academic record and involvement in extracurricular activities, the University of Amsterdam offers the Amsterdam Excellence Scholarship (AES). If you belong to the top 10% of your class, have a high English proficiency test score and are involved in extracurricular activities, you can apply for the AES.

Deadline

The deadline for this scholarship is: 15 January 2019, 23:59 CET.

General criteria

Candidates wishing to apply for an AES scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a non-EU/EEA passport and not be eligible for support under the Dutch system of study grants and loans ("Studiefinanciering"; for more information please refer to: www.DUO.nl) and/or the low tuition fee. The scholarship office should be notified as soon as possible of any change in nationality, type of residence permit, and/or possible "Studiefinanciering" support, throughout the academic year.
- Be fully admitted to a degree programme at the Graduate School of Social Sciences. Scholarship continuation is not guaranteed when a candidate changes his or her degree programme.
- Be admitted unconditionally to a Master's programme at the Graduate School of Social Sciences for the first time. AES will not be awarded to candidates who are admitted for a second Bachelor's or Master's programme at the University of Amsterdam. AES will also not be awarded to candidates having to complete a preparatory programme first.

Have the **following English language requirements** – please note that in some cases these differ from the GSSS requirements:

- TOEFL (internet-based) - overall score of 100 (minimum score of 24 for each component);
- IELTS (academic) - overall score of 7.0 (minimum score of 7.0 for each component);
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE) - grade A;
- Cambridge Certificate for Proficiency in English (CPE) - grade B (or C if test taken after Jan. 2016);

Registration criteria

- Be able to comply with Dutch visa regulations
- Be enrolled at the UvA as full-time student for the academic year and the programme for which the scholarship is awarded.
- The candidate should not receive another full coverage scholarship for the same period of study as the AES scholarship. Notify the scholarships office when another full scholarship has been awarded and accepted.

Selection criteria

Eligible candidates are selected for a scholarship on the basis of their academic excellence and promise in the proposed field, as evidenced by:

- the candidate's academic record. Students should belong to the top 10% of graduates from their class and must be able to demonstrate this with a statement from their institution (either on the diploma, transcript or in a separate letter)
- the academic quality of the educational institute where the undergraduate (or graduate) programme has been obtained;
- a letter of reference by a dean, teacher or academic supervisor;
- the quality of the letter of motivation (maximum 500 words) in which the candidate explains the reasons for choosing the specific Master's programme (broader context, relevance for future career), addressed to the Director of the Graduate School of Social Sciences, Dr. A. Freyberg-Inan;
- a description of extracurricular activities such as participation in student committees, international experience, sports or music at a high level or volunteer work;
- clearly formulated research questions indicating topics of interest the applicant wishes to explore further during their studies at the Graduate School of Social Sciences;
- the level of English proficiency
- the quality of the application as a whole (completeness, accuracy, consistency).

Conditions for continuation of the AES

AES recipients must maintain good academic standing:

- The scholarship will only be continued if the AES student is making satisfactory progress towards the degree.
- At the end of the academic year, all of the required credits should have been earned with a grade point average of 8 (out of 10).
- If the AES recipient decides to cease studying, the AES payments already received must be reimbursed in full.
- Students who receive the AES for a two-year Master's programme will be evaluated after one year of study. The scholarship will only be continued for the second year if the AES student has completed all courses of the first year on time and with a grade point average of 8.0.

It is expected that AES recipients will:

- participate in activities with AES sponsors.
- join extracurricular activities and become part of a select community, including the AES alumni network.
- form a strong international network during their period of study, which will be stimulated by an interesting tailor-made extracurricular programme.
- AES scholarships may be terminated if the recipient unreasonably refuses to participate in such activities.

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