

MSc Environmental Sciences WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY



FULL MTEC SCHOLARSHIPS for students from:

Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Jordan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine.

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MTEC Scholarships Environmental Sciences

Full scholarships are made available by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs for study at Wageningen University for students enrolling in the upcoming academic year – 2005/6 – and the following year – 2006/7.

Purpose of the MTEC Scholarships

The MTEC scholarships are intended for promising candidates from states which either have just acceded to the European Union or will do so in the near future and those which border the extended Union both in the East and in the South. In this way the Netherlands wishes to contribute to the enhancement of strategic cooperation and partnerships on the basis of the core values which are shared by the EU.

What does an MTEC Scholarship consist of?

An MTEC scholarship covers tuition fee, study materials, housing, subsistence, insurance, visa costs, travel to and from the home country, a personal development programme (including effective leadership, change management, project planning) and a social programme (the Wageningen University introduction programme, an excursion to the European Committee and an MTEC summer party).

Who may apply for an MTEC scholarship?

The MTEC scholarships are meant for students and residents of the aforementioned countries listed on the front page, who completed their BSc with flying colours and who satisfy the criteria for admission to the MSc Environmental Sciences, Wageningen University.

Applicants should both be nationals of one of the participating countries and be resident in one of these countries.

Preconditions

Prospective students need to have completed a bachelor degree in Environmental Sciences or related natural, technical or social sciences, live in the relevant states at the time of application, have a TOEFL-score of preferably 580 or higher but definitely not lower than 550, and not be older than 35 years.

The MTEC scholarships are intended for promising students and also for environmental professionals, that is, those who have completed their BSc and have already started their career in a relevant field of work. Environmental professionals are required to acquire permission of their employer to study two years abroad and be issued with a guarantee that they can take up their position upon return.

The MSc programme Environmental Sciences

The Environmental Sciences programme, of two years duration, is designed for students who want to take up the challenge of developing innovative methods to improve the state of the environment and of finding sustainable solutions to the threats facing it.

The programme aims to provide insight into the socio-economic causes, the nature, and the consequences of pollution and degradation of the natural environment. It intends to generate technology as well as socio-political and economic instruments to control and prevent environmental problems in an interdisciplinary way.

The programme provides students with an opportunity of advanced academic training, emphasising the development of a critical attitude and analytical and problem-solving skills, and of gaining more in-depth knowledge of a wide range of environmental sciences. Its target groups are recently qualified BSc graduates with basic academic training as well as mid-career professionals.

The programme is thesis-oriented with an individual research project as its core. Compulsory elements are kept at a minimum, thus enabling the programme to be tailored to the wishes and needs of the individual student. Study adviser and thesis supervisor both assist the student in selecting the most relevant courses from what Wageningen University has on offer.

A total of eight different disciplines offer the possibility of major thesis research within this programme. They relate to the fields of environmental quality and systems analysis (environmental systems analysis, aquatic ecology and water quality management, soil quality, meteorology and air quality, and toxicology), environmental management and policy (environmental policy, environmental economics and natural resources) and environmental technology. In addition, students have the opportunity to acquire experience in environmental education or communication. MTEC students can choose from three of the eight aforementioned disciplines: environmental policy, environmental economics and natural resources and environmental systems analysis.

Minors are optional, but if their time schedule permits, students are encouraged to take a minor, either from this or from another MSc programme. Experimental thesis research will usually be part of ongoing research programmes of WUR departments or research institutes. Otherwise, thesis topics are the initiative of the student or the result of discussions between the student and potential supervisors.

Graduates of this programme are well equipped to continue academic training (PhD) or to start or continue a professional career requiring independent scientific performance. For an overview of the programme, please visit www.mes.wur.nl.

Location

The town of Wageningen is an excellent base for your stay in the Netherlands. Students will find a pleasant study environment and ample opportunities to exchange expertise in Wageningen. A wide range of accommodation, cultural and recreational facilities is available. Wageningen lies in the centre of the Netherlands and is an ideal base from which to explore the rest of the country. The cities of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague are only an hour away.

The surroundings of Wageningen are delightful: to the North lies the Veluwe (the largest nature reserve in the Netherlands) and to the South lie the Betuwe and the water meadows along the river Rhine, a typical, water-rich, Dutch landscape. Wageningen's 35.000 or so inhabitants enjoy a thriving cultural life and the many international students, guest researchers and congress visitors from abroad create an international atmosphere in the town.

English is commonly spoken, which means it is easy to communicate with the locals.

Wageningen is a town on 'bicycle scale'. All the student facilities, University buildings and the town centre are within cycling distance from each other. The bicycle is the most popular and practical mode of transport.

Application

Candidates should apply through the website of CROSS Agency and consecutively send their printed application form to the Royal Netherlands Embassy in their country. Applicants who want to be considered for an MTEC Scholarship have to go through the regular admission procedure of the Wageningen University. Applicants who have already been admitted to the MSc programme Environmental Sciences of Wageningen University, can directly apply for an MTEC scholarship by using the application form which is available at the web site of CROSS Agency.

Applications for admission for the academic year 2006/7 should be sent before the 1st of May 2006 (non-EU residents) and before the 1st of June 2006 (EU residents).

More information

For more information about the MSc programme Environmental Sciences, please visit www.mes.wur.nl, or contact Mr. Dick Legger by email (dick.legger@wur.nl) or telephone (+31 (0)317 48 50 66). For more information about Wageningen University, please visit www.wageningenuniversiteit.nl/UK. For more information about the MTEC scholarships, including conditions regarding application and the entitlements and obligations which are attached to the scholarships, and the application form, please visit: www.cross-agency.nl or contact Mr. Diederik ter Haar by email (crossonline@info.evd.nl) or telephone (+31 (0)70 778 81 39).

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