

Obligations for scholarship holders

European University Institute (EUI) Programme

This document is meant for candidates and scholarship holders who have been selected for a scholarship under the European University Institute (EUI) Programme. It states the obligations for scholarship holders, informs about the various roles and responsibilities of the parties involved and informs about the scholarship reimbursements.

Roles & responsibilities

1. The programme is initiated and funded by the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.
2. Nuffic is responsible for the management of the EUI scholarship for the first 3 years of the scholarship:
 - a) for providing information and support concerning the scholarship;
 - b) for payment of the scholarship amount to scholarship holders;
 - c) for acting as an intermediary between the scholarship holder and the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.
3. EUI is responsible for:
 - a) providing academic support and services for scholarship holders:
www.eui.eu/en/services;
 - b) monitoring scholarship holders' progress;
 - c) notifying Nuffic of any circumstances that affect the scholarship.
4. The EUI scholarship is awarded to the scholarship holder exclusively for conducting research as detailed in the grant award.
5. Throughout the scholarship period the scholarship holder must obtain sufficient academic progress. The EUI will assess if the scholarship holder has obtained sufficient progress and will inform Nuffic of this throughout and at the end of each academic year. If positive, Nuffic will decide to continue the scholarship into the next academic year.
6. The scholarship holder will inform Nuffic as soon as possible in writing if he/she cannot start with his/her research in time, in case of significant delays, premature ending or other significant changes with regard to his/her research or scholarship.

Scholarship reimbursements

7. The scholarship is a contribution towards the costs for conducting research at the EUI. All other costs are the responsibility of the scholarship holder.
8. The scholarship amount consists of:
 - a) A monthly allowance of € 1.663,45;
 - b) A contribution towards health insurance of € 90;
 - c) An annual travel allowance of € 315.
9. Nuffic will transfer the scholarship amount for each academic year in two instalments to the (Dutch) bank account of the scholarship holder. In August, the scholarship holder will receive the first instalment, consisting of the monthly allowances for 6 months (September to February), including the annual travel allowance. In February, the scholarship holder will receive the second instalment, consisting of the monthly allowances for the remaining 6 months of the academic year (March to August).

10. If the decision of admission to the next academic year is deferred or conditional upon (re)submission of work, the first payment of the academic year consists of two monthly allowances (September and October) plus the annual travel allowance. After the EUI confirms that the scholarship holder is admitted to the next academic year, the remaining four months (November to February) will be paid to the scholarship holder.
11. In addition to the scholarship amount, there is a partner and/or child allowance:
 - a) A monthly partner allowance of € 269,17;
 - b) A monthly child allowance of € 96,89;
 - c) An annual travel allowance for the partner of € 315.
12. To be eligible for the partner allowance:
 - a) the spouse or partner must reside at the same address as the scholarship holder in Italy, and not be in receipt of a regular income (such as a full salary or grant);
 - b) the scholarship holder is required to provide either a marriage certificate or a co-habitation agreement that has been drawn up by a notary.
13. To be eligible for the child allowance the scholarship holder must provide a birth certificate for the child in question.
14. The request for partner and/or child allowance should be sent by email to eui@nuffic.nl. Nuffic will notify the scholarship holder in writing of the outcome.
15. The additional allowance applies from the first day of the month after Nuffic has approved the request for additional allowance. The partner and child allowances cannot be applied for retroactively or after the end of the scholarship period in the grant award.
16. The additional allowance will be paid (if necessary, retrospectively) simultaneously with the next instalment. Nuffic must be notified in the case of any changes in circumstances that may require the additional allowances to be stopped (i.e. separation, divorce etc.)

Duration of the scholarship

17. The scholarship is only intended for the duration as detailed in the grant award.
18. Nuffic may grant, on the request of the EUI a financed extension with a minimum duration of 2 months and maximum duration of 6 months after the end date as detailed in the grant award only in the case of a) severe health issues (prolonged illness) and b) maternity leave.

The scholarship holder must provide a substantiated request addressed to the EUI Entrance board or Admissions office that must be approved by the EUI to qualify. For more information see:
www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/AcademicService/PracticalInformation/LeavesAbsenceMaternityAllowance
19. A financed extension comprises of the monthly allowance times the number of months which are approved for financed extension.
20. Nuffic may decide, on the request of the EUI to grant an unfinanced extension or deferral of the scholarship period for a) personal circumstances and b) parental leave. For more information see the link above.
21. Further extension of the scholarship is not possible.

Withdrawal

22. Nuffic may decide to withdraw the scholarship if:
- a) the scholarship holder does not obtain sufficient academic progress;
 - b) if the scholarship holder does not comply with EUI or Nuffic obligations/ rules/ regulations/ instructions;
 - c) if the supplied information on the application form or accompanying documents (which formed the basis for the selection) is found to be inaccurate or makes a false declaration of any sort.

Nuffic holds the right to withdraw the scholarship and reclaim (a proportional part of) the scholarship amount from the scholarship holder if one or more of the above points is not met.

The scholarship will be withdrawn if the scholarship holder decides to end his/her Ph.D. trajectory at the EUI. The date of termination communicated by EUI will determine the scholarship end date and in the case of an overpayment may result in the reclaim of part of the scholarship amount.

Monitoring and Evaluation

23. The scholarship holder and alumni are required to cooperate in surveys or evaluations conducted by or commissioned by Nuffic, the European University Institute or the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and provide the requested information.

Privacy

24. The personal data of candidates and/or scholarship holders provided in the scholarship application will be used by Nuffic, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and the European University Institute for the purposes of administration, assessment, selection, monitoring and evaluation of the EUI Programme. All personal data will be processed in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). For more information about the processing of your personal data, the data retention periods and your rights as a subject under the GDPR, we would like to refer you to our privacy statement www.nuffic.nl/privacy.

Liability

25. The scholarship is financed by the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. Neither Nuffic nor the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science do not accept any responsibility, financially or otherwise, for expenditures (or liabilities emerging from these expenditures) or liabilities arising from activities funded by the grant.
26. After the end of the scholarship period all rights and claims related to the scholarship expire.