



APPLIED SCIENCES & PRIVATE

THE NETHERLANDS

PRIVATE / GAC ROUTE · 2026/27 INTAKE

ABOUT THE NETHERLANDS

- This guide covers the Netherlands' **applied-sciences and private** universities on the **full-fee (agent-routed)** route.
- One of the world's **largest English-taught** study destinations.
- Strong in **business, hospitality, engineering and design** with industry placements.
- **English** is the language of instruction across these programmes.
- The **Euro (€)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:



INDIA TO THE NETHERLANDS

CURRENCY Euro (€) · 1 EUR ≈ ₹100 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 8h 30m	the Netherlands
Mumbai	≈ 9h 00m	the Netherlands
Bengaluru	≈ 10h 30m	the Netherlands
Chennai	≈ 11h 00m	the Netherlands
Hyderabad	≈ 10h 00m	the Netherlands

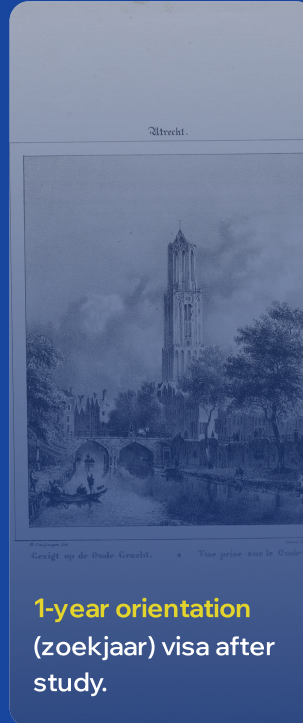


FACTS

- Capital: Amsterdam
- Flight distance: ~6,500 km
- Time zone: CET (UTC+1)
- Tuition: €9,000–20,000 / yr
- Proof of funds: ~€13,000 / yr
- Main intakes: Sep · Feb

Full-fee (non-EU) applied-sciences and private tuition. Figures indicative — verify per intake.

WHY STUDY IN THE NETHERLANDS?



TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- This route covers the Netherlands' applied-sciences (hbo) and private institutions.
- They fall into three broad groups:



UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Career-focused, practical degrees (hbo).



BUSINESS & HOTEL SCHOOLS

Hospitality, business and management.



DESIGN & CREATIVE INSTITUTES

Design, media and the arts.



Amsterdam
Applied-sciences campuses in and beyond.

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- the Netherlands hosts several **globally recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based** and competitive.

Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences

AMSTERDAM

Business, tech and media programmes.

The Hague University of Applied Sciences

THE HAGUE

International business and law.

Hotelschool The Hague

THE HAGUE

World-ranked hospitality management.

Fontys University of Applied Sciences

EINDHOVEN

Engineering, ICT and business.

Hanze University of Applied Sciences

GRONINGEN

Applied sciences and entrepreneurship.

NHL Stenden University

LEEUWARDEN

International hospitality and business.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- The applied-sciences route is strong in **business, hospitality and engineering**.



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

International business and marketing.



HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

World-leading hotel management.



ENGINEERING & ICT

Applied engineering and computing.



DESIGN & MEDIA

Design, animation and media.



DATA SCIENCE

Analytics and applied AI.



LOGISTICS & TRADE

Europe's logistics gateway.

TUITION & COSTS

- Non-EU students pay **full institutional tuition** on this route — the Netherlands is **not tuition-free**.

Applied sciences (hbo)
non-EU, per year

€8,000–12,000

Private universities
per year

€10,000–20,000

Hospitality / specialist
per year

€11,000–16,000

Foundation / pathway
per year

€7,000–10,000

Proof of funds for visa

~€13,000 / yr

Holland Scholarship and university grants can reduce first-year costs.

COST OF LIVING

- Students typically need around **€1,100–1,500 a month**; Amsterdam is the costliest.

Accommodation student housing / shared	€500–900
Food & groceries	€250–350
Transport OV-chipkaart	€70–110
Health insurance	~€130
Phone, internet & leisure	€120–180
Estimated monthly total	~€1,100–1,500

Figures indicative for 2026 — costs vary between the capital and smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- Government and university scholarships help offset full tuition for strong applicants.

Holland Scholarship

GOVT

€5,000 first-year award for non-EU students.

University Grants

INSTITUTIONAL

Merit-based tuition reductions.

Orange Tulip Scholarship

GOVT / INDIA

Awards for Indian students.

Faculty Awards

DEPARTMENTAL

Programme-specific scholarships.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling with a strong Class 12 record.
- **IELTS 6.0–6.5** or equivalent.
- Motivation letter and (for some) an intake test.
- Apply via Studielink or directly.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5**; GMAT for some programmes.
- Motivation letter, CV and references.
- Portfolio or interview for some courses.

INTAKES

- **September** — main intake — widest choice of courses
- **February** — second intake at many institutions
- **Rolling** — some programmes admit year-round

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

OFFER & ACCEPTANCE

Accept your offer and pay the deposit.

2

UNIVERSITY SPONSORSHIP

The institution applies for your entry permit (MVV).

3

PROOF OF FUNDS

Show around €13,000 for living costs.

4

NUFFIC / ENROLMENT

Complete Nuffic and enrolment steps.

5

COLLECT VISA

Collect your MVV / residence permit.

6

ARRIVAL

Register with the municipality on arrival.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Students may work **16 hours a week**, then stay **1 year** on the orientation (zoekjaar) visa to find work.

Part-Time Work

16 HRS / WEEK

With a work permit, or full-time in summer.

Orientation Year (zoekjaar)

1 YEAR

Stay to seek work after graduating.

Highly Skilled Migrant

SKILLED ROUTE

Fast-track work permit for graduates.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

Tech, logistics, business and design.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose applied-sciences or private programmes.

2

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

Transcripts, IELTS and a motivation letter.

3

APPLY

Apply via Studielink or directly.

4

OFFER & DEPOSIT

Accept your offer and pay the deposit.

5

VISA

The university applies for your MVV / permit.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange housing and register on arrival.



Your the Netherlands study journey — one step at a time.