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**MENA Scholarship Programme**

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**Information for applicants**

The MENA Scholarship Programme (MSP) offers scholarships to professionals for short courses in the

Netherlands. The

programme is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The aim of the MSP

The main aim of the MSP is to contribute to democratic transition in the selected countries.

It also

aims at building capacity within organisations in the region, by enabling

employees to take part in

short courses in the Netherlands

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While the scholarship is awarded to individuals, the need for training must be demonstrated in the

context of the organisation the applicant is employed by. The training must help the organisati

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develop its capacity.

A candidate

for the MSP, must therefore be nominated by an employer to

participate in the programme.

For whom: the criteria

The target group

is professionals (with a maximum age of 45

years

 who are nationals of

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rking in one of the selected countries: Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya,

Morocco, Syria

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and Tunisia.

\* MSP is not currently open to applicants applying from Syria. Applicants with the Syrian nationality may apply

if they are residing

and working in one of the other MSP countries on the list.

To be eligible for an MSP scholarship:

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one

must be a

professional and

national of, and

living

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working

in one of the countries

on the MSP country list valid at the time of application;

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must have

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current

employer’s statement that complies with the forma

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Nuffic has

provided. All information must be provided and all commitments that are included in the

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must be endorsed in the statement;

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one

must not be employed by an organisation

that has its own means of staff

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development. Organisations that are considered to have their own means of staff

development are for example:

multinational corporations (e.g. Shell, Unilever, Microsoft);

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large national and/or

a large commercial

organisation

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bilateral donor organisations (e.g. USAID, DFID, Danida, Sida, Dutch ministry of Foreign

affairs, FinAid, AusAid, ADC, SwissAid);

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multilateral donor organisations, (e.g. a UN organisation, the World Bank, the IMF, Asian

Development Bank,

African Development Bank, IADB);

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international NGO’s (e.g. Oxfam, Plan, Care).

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must have an official and valid

passport (

valid at least 3 months after the candidate

submission date);

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must have a government statement that meets the requirements o

f the country in

which the employer is established (if applicable);



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the age of the MSP candidate must not exceed 45 years of age at the time of the grant

submission.

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the candidate

must not receive more than one MSP scholarship for courses that take place

a

t the same time.

How to apply

Before you apply, make sure you review the eligibility criteria carefully and check whether your

employer is willing to nominate you for the scholarship.

When you are certain that you are eligible for an MSP scholarship, you can start making the

necessary preparations for your application.

Follow these steps to apply:

1.

Select a course on the MSP course list

2.

Contact the Dutch higher education

institution

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hat is offering the course for information on:

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course content

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the

application deadline

(

deadlines can differ per

Dutch institution)

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the application and selection procedures

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the online application form and the supporting documents

3.

Prepare your

application and

the

supporting documents

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4.

Submit your online application via the Dutch institution offering the course

For any questions on the application

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and selection procedures

please contact the Dutch

institution directly

www.studyfinder.nl

Selection procedure

If your application meets all the course admission requirements and the MSP eligibility criteria, you

can be nominated by the Dutch institution for a scholarship.

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cation is nominated by

a

Dutch institution

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steps are as

follows:

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The Dutch institution will submit a grant request to Nuffic requesting funding for eligible

applications.

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The Netherlands Embassy will check the applications on their eligibility, and will assess the

applications based on the

eligibility criteria and the

Embassy country focus areas.

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meet the eligib

ility criteria will be rejected.

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The selection will be determined by the available deadline b

udget, the number of

applicants and

the quality

and suitability

of the applications. Ideally half of the

scholarships

are allocate

d to female applicants.

The scholarships are awarded in a competitive selection to highly motivated professionals who are

in a position to introduce the newly

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acquired skills and knowledge into their employing

organization.

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have been nomina

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With your online application, you will be asked to upload a valid passport

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current

statement from

your employer

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and

depending on your country of employment;

a

government

statement.

# Nuffic Scholarships for short courses

*Nuffic scholarships are available for short courses at The Hague Academy. Nuffic is a Dutch non-profit organisation which offers scholarships for training courses in The Netherlands. These scholarships seek to develop and strengthen the skills and abilities of professionals, in order to enable their organisations and communities to succeed in an ever-changing world. The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs funds the Nuffic Scholarship programme.*

*The Nuffic Scholarships for short courses at The Hague Academy (OKP, MSP and StuNed) cover the tuition fee, return flights (from an international airport to Amsterdam), insurance, and accommodation, in addition to a small Daily Subsistence Allowance. Follow the steps below to apply.*

1. **Scholarship programmes**
2. **Eligible courses and application deadlines**
3. **Application procedure (Apply ONLY through this link)**

# Open courses 2020

*September 21 - November 16, 2020*

*Citizen Participation and Inclusive Governance: blended training*

*September 21 - November 16, 2020*

*Conflict, Rule of Law and Local Security: blended training*

*September 28 - November 23, 2020*

*Multilevel Water Governance: blended training*

*September 28 - November 23, 2020*

*Gender Responsive Governance: blended training*

*October 12 - December 7, 2020*

*Local Economic Development: blended training*

*December 7 - December 11, 2020*

*La pérennisation de la paix et la gouvernance locale*

# Open courses 2021

February 8 ‐ February 19, 2021

*Fiscal Decentralisation and Local Finance*

March 1 ‐ March 12, 2021

*Inclusive Service Delivery & the SDGs*

March 15 ‐ March 26, 2021

*Citizen Participation and Inclusive Governance*

April 12 ‐ April 23, 2021

*Climate Adaptation and Local Resilience*

May 31 ‐ June 11, 2021

*Urban Governance: Resilient and Smart Cities*

June 14 ‐ June 25, 2021

*Local Economic Development*

July 5 ‐ July 9, 2021

*Cours d’été: La pérennisation de la paix et la gouvernance locale*

June 28 ‐ July 2, 2021

*Summercourse: Local Governance & Localising the SDGs*

September 6 ‐ September 17, 2021 *Multilevel Water Governance*

September 27 ‐ October 8, 2021

*Integrity and Anti-Corruption*

October 11 ‐ October 22, 2021

*Conflict, Rule of Law and Local Security*

November 1 ‐ November 12, 2021

*Migration and Local Authorities*

## November 22 ‐ December 3, 2021 Gender Responsive Governance