

	Questions from Zoom Chat	Answers
1	Do I need a IELTS test to apply for a scholarship? Or any other proof of proficiency in the English language?	No, this is not necessary. You need to have a good grasp of the English language so you can participate in the course. However, we do not need proof of this. So no need for IELTS, TOEFL or similar.
2	Why is Albania excluded from the eligible country list?	Eligibility can be checked on these pages: <a href="#">OKP</a> and <a href="#">MSP</a>  The scholarship programme is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They decide the eligible country list and Nuffic and WCDI have no control over this.
3	Can board members and advisors of an NGO apply for the scholarship?	Yes that is possible. Everybody who works at a company or organisation which is eligible, can apply. When you are director (or work at the top of an organisation) make sure to share what you learn with other colleagues/employees as well.  If you are self-employed (director of your own company), you need to sign the employer statement as your own employer as well.
4	Why is an unemployed applicant with strong motivation not eligible?	Because the way NUFFIC/Ministry of Foreign Affairs has set up this scholarship, the knowledge gained in the courses, need to be shared with others within your organisation.  If you are unemployed, you are not able to share this knowledge within your organisation.
5	Is supervisor signature a must? And can it be digital?	Because of COVID it's hard to travel to get a stamp or signature, a signature is allowed to deliver digitally for the Employer statement. For the Government statement it's not allowed to deliver a digital stamp/signature
6	Is it a must to have a government statement?	That depends on the country, you can visit the government statement requirements list ( <a href="#">OKP</a> and <a href="#">MSP</a> ) to see whether your country needs a government statement
7	I got a mail asking me to prepare documents but not the registration letter. What do I do next?	It might be possible that you did not receive your registration letter, please send an e-mail (to <a href="mailto:training.cdi@wur.nl">training.cdi@wur.nl</a> ) with your details so we can re-send the registration letter.
8	In some countries internet is very expensive and some institutions due to Covid-19 they face restrictions on budget and they don't have Internet. is possible the scholarship support Internet for participants?	Unfortunately, not. Our management team lobbied with NUFFIC for this option but didn't manage to arrange it.  Tip: maybe work from a different location, such as coffee shop or hotel lobby.
9	in the section of relevance of the study programme: What knowledge and skills are to be developed by the candidate and why? can we write ideas before a and b section?	We cannot give examples or ideas for this section. Make sure to fill in these gaps as relevant/specific as possible keeping in mind the course you are applying for. And think about country focus.
10	Getting an English proficiency level certificate in somehow difficult in some area due to that the institution that give the certificate made that service more business that supportive. Is there any other way an applicant can be tested on his/her English proficiency throughout the application process and not immediately rejected due to that he/she is not presenting the certificate?	You do not need to submit a certificate to prove your English proficiency level. Please do note that it is important that you have a sufficient grasp of the English language, but we hope to see this back in your application.
11	What is the strategic importance of these short scholarships?	Each country has a country focus which they would like to see developed (such as fisheries, agriculture). Countries assign scholarships to persons who relate to the country focus.  The country focus can be found here: <a href="https://www.nuffic.nl/sites/default/files/2020-11/country-focus-document-orange-knowledge-programme.pdf">https://www.nuffic.nl/sites/default/files/2020-11/country-focus-document-orange-knowledge-programme.pdf</a>  More extensive documents per country are found here: <a href="https://www.nuffic.nl/en/subjects/orange-knowledge-programme/country-themes-orange-knowledge-programme">https://www.nuffic.nl/en/subjects/orange-knowledge-programme/country-themes-orange-knowledge-programme</a>
12	Do I have to maintain the same employer I entered when registering for the course? What if I now have a new employer?	What is needed to be done: make sure to let us know before the start of the course about this change. We will check with Nuffic if your new employer matches the Nuffic scholarship programme.

13	If you previously accessed a Nuffic scholarship, are you eligible for another for a different programme	Yes, this is possible. You can apply for another course/programme. It is not possible to apply for the same course you have participated in before.  It is possible to apply for multiple courses in the same scholarship round. Just make sure they don't overlap in dates.
14	Your scholarship is short course only online or campus. and also master course as level master Degree which way apply ? your scholarship is full funding or not?	The short courses will be given online, until further notice. Keep an eye on the website for any updates/the emails we are sending out. We don't offer master courses/degree. The scholarship is funding the full online courses.
15	Is there any chance of time extension due to covid crisis?	No there is not. Deadlines are set by Nuffic and will not be changed.
16	How many words can the motivation be or what is ideal?	Your motivation in the Delta Application can consist of max. 4000 characters.  Your motivation in the employer statement (relevance for candidate/employer) can consist of max. 50-1000 characters.
17	Are all courses organized online?	Yes, all courses in 2021 until mid 2022 will be organized online. Hopefully we can organize live courses again in the future, but at this moment we can't predict when this will be possible.
18	What is the duration of the short courses?	This can differ from 2 weeks to 16 weeks. This depends per course. Please check the course pages on our website. The course pages exactly indicate the duration per course.
19	Can a short course serve as credit units for Master Programmes? Do short courses help in applying for scholarships in Master Programmes?	No, they don't. However, we do believe the knowledge gained during our short courses, is always relevant to take along during your Master Programme.
20	Is it possible for a new graduated student with no significant experience to apply for a scholarship?	No, you need an employer statement signed by your employer. And the scholarships are for mid-career professionals with at least 3 years of work experience.
21	I am self-employed/Founder/CEO of my business. How do I get an employer statement?	You can sign the employer statement yourself. This means you need to complete the form as a candidate and sign it as your supervisor as well.
22	What are the most important indicators regarding selection?	The eligibility criteria. Whether the themes of the activities of your organisation fits the country focus. Your motivation for the course. And a fair balance in countries and gender.
23	Can WUR or WCDI write a letter to my employer to request permission to attend a course?	We unfortunately can't do this before selection. However, your employer signs your employer statement, in which he declares the following: <i>The candidate will not be assigned any tasks during the scholarship period to ensure that he/she will be full time available for the study programme;</i>  If you get a scholarship granted, we will ask your employer to sign a commitment letter, in which he needs to approve the time necessary to participate in the course.
24	Is there any maximum and minimum number of objectives in Plan of activities at employment statement?	We recommend more than 3 objectives in the plan of activities. There is no maximum, but your most important objectives should become clear. Too many (for example 20) might become unfocused.
25	Why do many of your country's universities still request for an English proficiency test scores from candidates from countries where English language is the main language of learning and communication?	For the WCDI short courses, we do expect you to have a certain level of English to participate in our courses. However, you don't need to hand in a certificate or diploma proving your level of English.
26	What is the main goal of NUFFIC behind giving training?	The aim is to contribute to a society's sustainable and inclusive development by offering access to education and training to professionals and organisations. Knowledge should be shared.
27	Who should sign my employer statement?	This should be your supervisor (e.g., manager, boss) at work.
28	I have applied three times but not selected. Can I use the same employer statement which I used last year?	No, an employer statement needs to be current. And there might also be a reason for the rejection previous time. Best is to check the presentation of the Q&A carefully and start with a fresh employer statement with the lessons learned in mind.
29	What is a reason for rejection?	The following three items are of major importance: -Documents have to be according to format (very strict)

		<p>-Your background and your choice of study matches the country focus. <a href="#">Country focus per country in short</a> and <a href="#">Nuffic website with extensive info per country</a></p> <p>-Your motivation</p>
30	Who can apply for the scholarship?	<p>You must be a mid-career professional, from one of the eligible countries.</p> <p>If you work for a large business or an INGO, you are not eligible.</p> <p>Please check the Study in Holland website for <a href="#">OKP</a> and <a href="#">MSP</a>.</p>
31	What does the scholarship cover?	<p>Because the course is online, the complete tuition fee.</p> <p>If we travel again in the future, travel and hotel are covered as well. But this is not relevant for the current or next scholarship round.</p>
32	Which course is eligible for the current scholarship round?	<p>Courses in this scholarship round:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Governance and Food Safety in International Food Chains</li> <li>- Evaluating and Managing for Sustainable Development Impact</li> <li>- Managing Risk in the Face of Climate Change</li> <li>- Resilient and Sustainable Food Systems for a Food-Secure Future</li> <li>- Contemporary Approaches to Genetic Resources Conservation and Use</li> <li>- Guiding Seed Sector Transformation</li> <li>- Landscape Governance</li> <li>- Aquaculture Smallholder Business Development</li> <li>- Plant Breeders' Rights for Food Security and Economic Development</li> <li>- Integrated Pest Management and Food Safety</li> <li>- Milking to Potential</li> <li>- Horticulture Sector Development for Emerging Markets</li> <li>- Making Agriculture Work for Food and Nutrition Security</li> <li>- Water Stewardship in Action for Water and Food Security</li> <li>- Rural Entrepreneurship Africa</li> <li>- Agence Paysanne pour Economies Rurales</li> <li>- Potato Sector Development for Emerging Markets</li> </ul> <p>Other courses of interest? Check <a href="#">courses by scholarship round</a></p>
33	How can I get certificate after complete the course?	<p>During the course, you will be assisted by somebody from our course support department. After successfully completion of the course, they will send you your certificate digitally.</p>
34	Can we create WhatsApp group for more communication	<p>Currently we are organizing several Q&amp;A sessions and answering mainly through e-mail. But we have plans to work with a WhatsApp group. Whenever launched, we will communicate this on our website.</p>
35	Does late opening of OKP round leads to extension of submission time?	<p>At this moment (16 September 2021) Nuffic has not communicated its OKP deadline for Round 3 yet. Therefore we don't know yet if there will be an extension of the submission time.</p> <p>Please sign up for your course of preference on our website, so we are aware of your interest and gives us the opportunity to contact you immediately as soon as the OKP deadline round 3 opens. At the moment of opening, we can tell you whether there will be an extension.</p>
36	Kindly share the process of application for self-employed applicants	<p>There is no difference for self-employed applicants as for the scholarship applicants. Fill in the empty sections, that are meant to fill in by your supervisor, by yourself. As you are your own supervisor.</p>
37	What ID should be used? VISA or organization ID card	<p>No VISA is needed as the courses are given online. Any government issued identification card like passport or driver's license is accepted. Make sure your passport is at least valid until 3 months after the application deadline.</p>

38	What is meant by government state document	The government statement is mainly obligated for government employees from a certain group of countries. Read about the requirements <a href="#">here</a> .
39	What is meant by the official letterhead of the organization?	For your Employer Statement you need to delete the Nuffic header and use your organizations' letterhead. Use <a href="#">this example statement</a> to check whether you filled in the format correctly.
40	Is it possible to apply for more than one course	Yes, it is up to you how many times you would like to apply.