

Non-EU exchange students at Wageningen University & Research



This document is to prepare/inform you about the application for entry visa/residence permit for the Netherlands. This is necessary if you are staying **more than 90 days** in the Netherlands for study.

Student Immigration Office (SIO) will send you a roadmap and two invoices (dues, living allowance and insurance) after you have been selected for the months that you will be following your program at Wageningen University & Research (WUR). The dues for the application procedure, set by the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND), are €192. SIO does not charge handling fees.

SIO will start the application procedure of your entry visa and/or residence permit after receipt of your payment and/or **proof of financial means** and/or a valid insurance certificate. Do not start the procedure yourself.

Proof of financial means

The Dutch Immigration Naturalisation Service requires proof that you can financially support yourself during your stay in the Netherlands. The IND sets a minimum amount of €950 that a student will need for every month of his/her stay in the Netherlands. The IND requires financial proof for full months.

With this money you have to pay all costs including books, rent, food, travelling etc.

Example: If you plan to stay from 15 September until 07 January you need to prove financial means for 5 months (September, October, November, December and January).

How to prove your financial means?

The first option is to pay the whole amount for your stay to the SIO, you will receive the invoice **after your admission**. This invoice will include the €192 for the dues and €950 per month living allowance. As soon as you have a Dutch bank account WUR will transfer the living allowance (€950) by monthly installments to your Dutch bank account. This is the easiest way to prove your liquidity for the duration of your stay.

There are also other options to show financial proof. These options may take more time:

- A scholarship letter
- Your own financial means (bank statement*)
- A sponsor (sponsor letter and bank statement*)

*Please note a bank statement must be less than 3 months old, has to contain the minimum amount in Euros, cannot be a savings account and must contain a stamp and signature of the bank. Please check with your bank if this is possible. If the bank statement does not meet the above mentioned requirements, please choose one of the other options instead.

P.S. please note that if you have a valid residence permit for another Schengen Country**, another procedure applies.

Please e-mail the Student Immigration Office of the Student Service Centre (SSC) at: ssc@wur.nl to ask for information after your admission, please add a scan of the front and back of your residence permit.

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