

A next step to a worthwhile future for refugee students

Participate for free in different courses offered by the University

WURTH-WHILE at Wageningen University & Research is a project for refugee students who are currently waiting for a legal status or have received a temporary residence permit. WURTH-WHILE offers the opportunity of participating for free in different courses offered by the University. It can be a great opportunity for students that are currently 'on hold' in emergency shelters, refugee centres or in their new homes.

Who can follow the courses?

WURTH-WHILE is open to asylum seekers and refugees with an academic background or with experience studying at a university. They can participate in the programme up to five years after having received their residence permit.

Which courses are available?

The mission of Wageningen University & Research (WUR) is 'To explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life'. Based on our mission, we focus on the domain of food and living environment.

Within this domain, courses are available in English or in Dutch on BSc and MSc level in the five domains of Wageningen University & Research:

- Agrotechnology and Food Sciences
- Animal Sciences
- Environmental Sciences
- Plant Sciences
- Social Sciences

You can find the available courses at www.wur.eu/WURth-while



WURTH-WHILE courses are free of charge. You can do one course per period. After successful completion of the course you will receive a signed course certificate. The WURTH-WHILE programme only offers courses that do not include excursions or practical training. Places in the available courses are limited, so full = full! If you do not finalise the course successfully it will be more difficult to register for another course.

How does WURTH-WHILE relate to the citizenship programme for refugees?

Refugees have to follow a citizenship programme during three daily periods a week. The citizenship programme is sometimes offered in the evenings too, depending on the policy of your hometown. If you want to participate in a WURTH-WHILE course, this course should be added to your personal development plan in consultation with the refugee worker at the local municipality.

How can I apply?

You can apply for a course by completing the online registration form at www.wur.eu/WURth-while. After application a member of our team will have an intake meeting with you and send a report to the course coordinator, who decides if you can be admitted to the course.

Courses are taught in English or Dutch (see online course list), and all applicants will have to show sufficient proficiency in English or Dutch during the intake interview or take an English or Dutch proficiency test at the University before they can start the course. Please note that the course admission procedure takes some time, so please apply at least 6 weeks in advance of the start of the course.



This initiative started by a group of people from WUR and the Dutch Council for Refugees (VluchtelingenWerk Oost Nederland) to provide access to free higher education to refugee newcomers in the Netherlands.

Website and email

For more information, a detailed overview of available course, and registration, please go to www.wur.eu/WURth-while

You can also contact us by email:
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