

Nuffic Scholarship Eligibility Check

- Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP)
- Mena Scholarship Programme (MSP)

About the eligibility check

If your application does not meet the eligibility criteria it will be rejected regardless of any effort, time and money you put into it. Each institute has a limited number of candidates to be nominated. The assessment by The Hague Academy will be done on the same criteria as the Netherlands Embassy.

If your application is eligible and you are nominated, it will be assessed on:

- The degree to which you fit into the target group of the programme;
- Why you are the nominated candidate in your organisation;
- How well you would be able to implement the newly-acquired knowledge in your daily work;
- How the knowledge you acquire will contribute to the capacity building of your organisation;
- To what extent the knowledge will contribute to the development of your home country;
- How well your action plans upon return to your employer are described and how realistic they can be implemented;
- Your application will be assessed according to the country focus each embassy has set.

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For OKP Scholarships:

- There is no age limit.
- The candidate must be a national of, and working and living in, one of the following countries on OKP country list.
- The candidate must not be employed by an organisation that has its own means of staff development, for example:
 - multinational corporations (e.g. Shell, Unilever, Microsoft),
 - large national and/or large commercial organisations,
 - bilateral donor organisations (e.g. USAID, DFID, Danida, Sida, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, FinAid, AusAid, ADC, SwissAid),
 - multilateral donor organisations, (e.g. a UN organisation, the World Bank, the IMF, Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, IADB),
 - international NGO's (e.g. Oxfam, Plan, Care);

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- The candidate must have a current Employer Statement according to the [prescribed Nuffic Format \(see step 3\)](#). All information must be provided and all commitments, which are included in the format, must be endorsed in the statement. The Employer Statement MUST be signed AND stamped and preferably on official letterhead of the organization.
- If applicable, the candidate must have a government statement that meets the requirements of the country in which the employer is established..
- The candidate must have a passport that is valid on the application deadline (+ 2 weeks)
- The candidate must not receive more than one fellowship for courses that take place at the same time;
- The short courses are taught in English. Therefore, it is important that your English language skills (writing and speaking) are good. Please add your IELTS or other language proficiency scores if this is relevant.
- Minimum of 2 years work experience is required, working with or for local or regional authorities. It is to your advantage if the work/experience is related to the content of the training.

For MSP Scholarships:

- You must meet the same employer, language and work experience criteria mentioned above for OKP Scholarships.
- You must not be over 45 years of age on the application deadline (+ 2 weeks). ***(this only applies for MSP Scholarships applications)***
- You must be a national of, and working and living in one of the countries on the following [MSP country list](#) valid at the time of application;
- The candidate must have a passport that is valid on the application deadline (+ 2 weeks)