

Wageningen University fellowships

As an internationally oriented institution, Wageningen University wants to attract talented students from all over the world, including non-EER¹ countries. Bright students contribute to the quality of education and research. Wageningen University also feels a particular responsibility for supporting sustainable development. It therefore wants to contribute to capacity and institution building in developing countries.

Recently, the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality has allowed Wageningen University to use part of the state funding to alleviate the financial burden of talented non-EER students. As a consequence, the Executive Board has established a WU fellowship programme as part of the Student Support Fund. The programme will be managed by Corporate Education & Research.

Procedure

Prospective non-EER students admitted to an MSc programme and meeting the selection criteria of the WU fellowship fund will be classified as talented students by the Admission Boards. These students will be informed that they can apply for a WU fellowship.

Corporate Education & Research selects the beneficiaries from the applications received and prepares a proposal for the Executive Board including the names of the beneficiaries, the amount of the fellowship, the starting date and the duration. The Executive Board approves the proposal and the beneficiaries will be informed by Corporate Education & Research.

In case a student eventually does not enroll at WU, the fellowship will be cancelled and offered to another candidate.

Selection criteria

Selection criteria for awarding the WU fellowships are currently being developed.

Criteria likely to be of significance in the selection process include:

- Quality of the student (to be defined in sufficient detail);
- Interest and potential ability to become a PhD student at Wageningen University;
- Country of origin is an institutional priority country of Wageningen University²;
- Diversity of nationalities;
- Special partner institutions cooperation and bilateral agreements;
- Graduate from a partner institution or another internationally acclaimed institution;
- Connection with strategic priority areas/disciplines of Wageningen University;
- Perspective of obtaining a strategic position in home country, with interesting strategic partners or with private national and international companies;
- Perspective of contributing to sustainable development and Millennium Development Goals.

¹ Non-EER countries: All countries with the exception of EU-member states, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Surinam.

² Currently Argentina, Brasil, Canada, Chile, China, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, South Africa, United States, Vietnam