

NFP Netherlands Fellowship Programmes

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The Netherlands Fellowship Programmes (NFP) are demand-driven fellowship programmes. They are designed to promote capacity building within organizations in 61 developing countries by providing training and education to their mid-career staff members.

The Ministry has determined that half of the available fellowships should be awarded to female candidates and that half of the budget should be spent on candidates from sub-Saharan Africa. Apart from this, priority is given to candidates from priority groups and/or from marginalized regions to be defined by the Royal Netherlands embassies.

If you want to apply for an NFP fellowship for the MSc programme Forest and Nature Conservation (MFN) you must:

- be a national of and working in one of the [selected developing countries](#);
- be a mid-career professional with **at least three years of work experience** (usually excluding national service);
- have been admitted to the MFN programme;
- be nominated by your employer, who pledges to continue paying your salary and guarantees that you will be able to return to an equivalent position at the end of the fellowship period;
- not be employed by a large industrial, commercial, international or multinational organization, which can be assumed to have sufficient resources of its own to finance staff training;
- **comply with country-specific rules set by the Royal Netherlands embassy** (for more information please contact the Royal Netherlands embassy or consulate in your [home country](#). Most embassies have part of their website devoted to Education, Fellowships or Study in the Netherlands.);
- have completed an NFP master's degree programme application form and have submitted **all the required documentation to the Royal Netherlands embassy** or consulate.

Depending on your home country, the application deadline for an NFP fellowship for September varies between 1 February and 1 March.

Please note: The admission letter must be part of your NFP application file! In view of the time required for processing, please be sure that Wageningen University has all required documents at its disposal at least six weeks before the NFP application deadline.

For more information, refer to: <http://www.nuffic.nl/internationalstudents/scholarships/scholarships-administered-by-nuffic/the-netherlandsfellowship-programmes/fellowships-for-masters-degree-programmes>

If you intend to apply for an NFP fellowship for September 2011, you are advised to keep an eye on the Nuffic website. The application procedure and the application deadlines will probably be changed by the end of 2010.