

**MA Programmes in European Studies
Faculty of Arts and Culture, Maastricht University**



MATRA TRAINING FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION OFFERS FULL SCHOLARSHIPS

For students from:

Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Jordan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine.

For the academic year 2006 – 2007



MTEC Scholarships European Studies

For the coming academic year 2006/2007, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs offers up to 40 full scholarships covering all costs of participation in one of the three MA programmes in European Studies (European Studies, European Public Affairs and Analysing Europe) at Maastricht University.

Purpose of the MTEC Scholarships

The MTEC scholarships are intended for promising students from states which either have just acceded to the European Union or will do so in the near future, and from those states which border the extended Union in the East and South. In this way the Netherlands wishes to contribute to the enhancement of strategic cooperation and partnerships on the basis of core values shared by the EU Member states: democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

Coverage of the MTEC Scholarship

The MTEC scholarship covers tuition fee, study materials, housing, subsistence, and travel to and from the home country. Furthermore, a personal development programme (including intercultural communication, personal development and change management) has been specifically developed in cooperation with the Universiteit Maastricht Business School (UMBS). The scholarship also includes a social programme (including monthly gatherings, participation in the IMPREST Spring Course, coaching by the European Studies Student Association 'Concordantia').

Who May Apply For an MTEC Scholarship?

The MTEC scholarships are meant for students and residents of the countries listed on the front page. They should meet the criteria for admission to the three MA programmes in European Studies at Maastricht University. Applicants should both be nationals of one of the participating countries and be resident in one of these countries.

Preconditions

The MTEC scholarships are intended for promising students and young public administrators, working within the field of European integration. They should have completed an academic bachelor (or equivalent) degree in European Studies, Social or Political Science, History, Economics, International Relations, Law, and similar subjects, provided that the BA-programme included sufficient Europe-oriented components. Public administrators are required to submit proof of their employer to study for at least 10 months abroad and be issued with a guarantee that they can take up their position upon return.

Prospective students need to have adequate proficiency in English (an IELTS score of at least 6.5), they must submit a letter of motivation and two letters of recommendation, and not be older than 35 years.

The MA Programmes in European Studies

The following three accredited MA programmes in European Studies are offered by the Faculty of Arts and Culture at Maastricht University:

- a) MA European Studies: one-year (60 ECTS) full time, interdisciplinary, in-depth study programme of political and international aspects of Europe's "ever closer union". Students can opt for one of the two study tracks: (1) European international politics; (2) European politics and administration. Students acquire an advanced knowledge of the theories, concepts and methods in the field of European Studies, and become familiar with the governance approach and the role of culture in European decision-making.
- b) MA European Public Affairs: is a one-year (60 ECTS) full time programme, organised in co-operation with the European Institute of Public Administration (www.eipa.nl). The EPA Masters is a professional programme, designed to give students and professionals a thorough understanding of the complexity of Europe and

the European Union. Participants are required to do a two months internship to acquire 'hands-on' working experience.

- c) MA Analysing Europe: is a one-year (60 ECTS), international Masters programme in European Studies, offered in co-operation with a number of European partners, pooled in the IMPREST network. Like the other Masters it is an interdisciplinary programme, with a special emphasis on in-depth analysis of European integration in a broader context. Writing an extended Masters thesis constitutes an important part of the study.

Location

Students will have their living quarters in the city of Maastricht or in the immediate surroundings. To study in Maastricht is to study with an international perspective. Maastricht University has a high rate of international students, representing all corners of the globe. This mixture brings knowledge and culture to Maastricht, and this international environment enables the university to offer students a one-of-a-kind study experience. Maastricht University has a student population of twelve thousand students, eighteen thousand alumni and more than three-thousand staff members. The university is renowned for its advanced didactical approaches, based on the idea of problem based learning.

Application

Candidates should apply through the website of CROSS/EVD (www.cross-agency.nl) and at the same time send their printed application form to the Royal Netherlands Embassy in their country.

Furthermore, applicants who want to be considered for a MTEC scholarship have to go through the regular admission procedure of the Faculty of Arts and Culture at Maastricht University.

Applicants who have already been admitted to one of the MA programmes in European Studies, can directly apply for an MTEC scholarship by using the application form which is available at the website of CROSS/EVD.

Note

Applications for admission in the academic year 2006/2007 - in the framework of the MTEC programme - should be sent before the 15th of June 2006.

More Information

For more detailed information on the three different MA Programmes in European Studies, the admission criteria, and the application procedures, please visit: www.fdcw.unimaas.nl/mtec

For specific questions on these procedures, please contact Ms. Ingrid Regout (admissions officer) at the Faculty of Arts and Culture of Maastricht University by email (ingrid.regout@fdcw.unimaas.nl), or telephone (+ 31-43-3883384).

For more information about the MTEC scholarships, including conditions regarding application and the entitlements and obligations which are attached to the scholarships, and the application form, please visit: www.cross-agency.nl or contact Mr. Diederik ter Haar by email (crossonline@info.evd.nl) or telephone (+31 (0)70 778 8139).

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