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VSBfonds, iedereen doet mee

Dear,

Are you graduating this (academic) year and would you like to delve further into a certain aspect of your studies, but at a foreign academy, college or university

#### Information for International Students:

As you are an international student? Please note that VSBfonds communicates in Dutch. Therefore we provide you herewith a translation of the newsletter sent.

Understanding of Dutch is needed. Application form/motivation letter is in Dutch/VSBfonds stresses the importance of returning to the Netherlands after your stay abroad. Their requirement is that there is a bond with the Dutch society and that the student is planning to return to the Netherlands after their period abroad.

This is because for this fund it is important to add value to the Dutch society, by means of providing grants to students that return to the Netherlands. It is therefore not a requirement to be a Dutch citizen or be native Dutch, but you do have to live in the Netherlands and plan to return there.

#### VSBfondsscholarships

After your studies at Fontys there is the possibility to continue studying at a foreign institution with a Dutch grant, the so-called VSBfonds grant. This VSBfonds grant is not a loan, but a donation. The donation can amount to a maximum of € 10.000 for 2-year study plans (maximum of € 7.000 for a shorter period). With the VSBfonds grant you can, for example, start a

Master degree abroad or you can also submit a wonderful plan for a study of 3 months at a university abroad. As long as you come up with a good plan and good motivation!

Globally, the most important conditions are:

- you will graduate between 1 March 2022 and 31 December 2024 (date on your diploma)
- you leave in the year following your graduation year
- your study abroad will start no earlier than 1 July 2024

### Procedure

You must first find out for yourself which university or academy you want to do your further study or in-depth study at - of course you can always ask for the help of lecturers at your institute, for example the [internationalization coordinator](#).

Your application must then be in order by 1 March 2024 at the latest. Please don't start too late, as this is way too important to rush. Also have someone else read your application. This will improve the quality and reduce the number of mistakes.

After submission, your application will be processed by the VSB committee of Fontys and a written selection will take place. With a good application you will be invited for a (mandatory) oral interview. Last years the chances for nomination were around 30%. This fully depends on the quality and the number of applications of other Fontys candidates.

If you have convinced the committee with your application and motivation, they will nominate you to the VSBfonds. They will decide in May 2024 whether the grant is awarded to you.

### Questions

Please email [studyabroad@fontys.nl](mailto:studyabroad@fontys.nl) in case of questions. Also, we organise two online consultation hours where we can answer questions of students

Monday 11th of December 2023, 12:00 – 13:00

[Join this meeting](#)

Tuesday 6 February 2024, 12:30 – 13:30

[Join this meeting](#)

### Are you interested?

At [www.vsbfonds.nl/beurzen](http://www.vsbfonds.nl/beurzen) (in Dutch) you will find the conditions you must meet in order to be eligible and here you will also find the [application form](#) (in Dutch). Please use google translate to translate the full list of conditions in Dutch and contact [studyabroad@fontys.nl](mailto:studyabroad@fontys.nl) if you doubt about the conditions.