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Topic: Holland Scholarship Programme and Coronavirus

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In this note we summarize the most common situations and the consequences for your Holland Scholarship.

Please note that all this information only applies to Holland Scholarship. Not to other funds from your institute/Fontys.

Please note these facts:

- Check the country code from the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#). When the country code is Green or Yellow now, but turns Orange or Red while you are preparing to leave or while you are there, a case of Force Majeure (overmacht) applies to your situation.
- When a country is already Orange or Red before you leave this does not apply.
- Officially, the minimum duration for Holland Scholarship activities is 7 weeks for Internship/Study Abroad. However, in this case of Force Majeure this duration is not relevant anymore for the Holland Scholarship.

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- 1) In all studies/internships abroad that were cancelled / shortened due to Corona-virus, Fontys will apply for Force Majeure at the Holland Scholarship Programme, also if the minimum duration of the activity abroad was not reached.
- 2) Students who **had already started their stay abroad**, will in case of Force Majeure due to a change country colour (green/yellow to orange/red) be able to keep the Holland Scholarship.
- 3) Students with a situation of Force Majeure that continue their study/internship online (does not matter from where) will still receive the Holland Scholarship.
- 4) Students in situations where the activity was **cancelled before departure due to a change from green/yellow to orange/red in the country code**, will only get their travel, visa + accomodation expenses reimbursed. This reimbursement has a maximum value of the total awarded scholarship. It only applies in case this is not covered by the insurance or landlord. If a payment of the scholarship was already received, this will be settled with the claimed expenses, so it can be that part of the payment has to be paid back. If no travel, visa or accomodation expenses were made that can be reimbursed, the full payment has to be paid back.
- 5) If you want to go abroad at another moment instead of now, and you did not apply for the situation in point 4, you will keep right for the Holland Scholarship.
- 6) Only students that did not leave yet will be able to claim their travel and accomodation expenses if purchased already, and if they are not paid by the insurance or landlord. For those students, please find an example email below, so we can easily proces and reimburse the amount as quickly as possible. Copy/paste this text in your email, so that we can administer the requests in the easiest way.

Note: this concept email only applies to students that did not leave for their Holland Scholarship activity.

Dear Team Study Abroad – Holland Scholarship,

I would like to claim travel or accomodation expenses for my study/internship (please select one) abroad. I understand that Team Study Abroad will settle these expenses with a payment (if received already).

In my situation the country code changed from green/yellow to orange/red while I was preparing for my study/internship abroad.

I had already purchased and made these costs, and I do not get them from the insurance or landlord. The total amount is euro.

Find attached:

- Evidence of booking/purchase of travel expenses



- *Rental agreement or other evidence of accomodation expenses*
- *Evidence of payment of these expenses*
- *Evidence of the insurance or landlord stating that I do not get this amount covered*

Kind regards,

Student name + Name Fontys Institute + email + phone number