

Province of West Flanders Scholarships (ENG)

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Call for applications for a Scholarship Province of West Flanders 2025-2026

The Province of West Flanders grants scholarships for **international study exchanges and traineeships worldwide** that are not eligible for the Erasmus+ programme, as well as for **short-term mobilities in a neighbouring region of West Flanders**. The scholarships vary between € 400 and € 2500. This programme is also open to postgraduate students, except for postgraduate students in the Sustainable Development programme.

[Here you find the complete rules and regulations in the official Call by the Province](https://www.west-vlaanderen.be/sites/default/files/2019-06/Subsidiereglement%20%20Reglement%202020-2025_HOI.docx.pdf) ↗

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Note!

The application must be completed in Dutch; the Province will not accept applications in English.

Below you can find the major outlines of the scholarship programme. As the online tool is only published in Dutch (by the Province of W FL), you will need the help of your international coordinator.

Howest does not allow students who have been granted a Flemish scholarship within the programmes Priority Countries, The Washington Center, ASEM-WPP, and Generieke beurzen/Generic grants, Erasmus ICM, or a Howest grant, to apply for a grant from the Province of

West Flanders for the same mobility. The only exception to this is students who received only a partial grant within one of those scholarship programmes.

Destination

- All countries worldwide that are not on the list of the [Erasmus+ programme countries](#) (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/files/454384/download>).

Please note!

Howest does not allow mobility to conflict areas and countries with a negative [travel advice issued by our Foreign Affairs Department](#) (<https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/travel-advice>) (https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/about/who-can-take-part_nl).

- The neighbouring regions of West Flanders: Région Hauts-de-France (F), provincie Limburg (NL), provincie Noord-Brabant (NL), provincie Zeeland (NL), provincie Zuid-Holland (NL), County West-Sussex (UK), County East-Sussex (UK) en County Kent (UK), Brighton & Hove Unitary Authority (UK), Medway Unitary Authority (UK).

Mobility types

You can apply for a grant for:

- a [semester of study at an intercontinental partner university of Howest](#). Ask your international coordinator which ones you can apply for.
- a **traineeship of at least 2 months** in a work field organisation or at a partner university of Howest, worldwide (but not in an Erasmus programme country).
- a **short-term project (at least 2 weeks)**, **individual or in a group**, in a neighbouring region of West Flanders.

Traineeship projects which have been realised via commercial internship agents/mediators/organisations are **not** eligible for funding under this programme.

When submitting your application, you will have to declare that you will not receive a grant from another public funding body for the same mobility. This means that students who were already awarded an intercontinental mobility scholarship by or via Howest cannot apply for a grant from Provincie WVL for that same mobility.

Grant amount

For **long-term mobilities worldwide** (at least 2 months), there are grants of **€ 1500** (or € 2500 for students with a study grant of the Flemish government, students with special needs who have recognition by the VAPH, and working students with an official statute),

For **short-term mobilities** (at least 2 weeks) in a **neighbouring region of West Flanders**, there are grants of **€ 400** (or € 600 for students with a study grant of the Flemish government, students with special needs who have recognition by the VAPH, and working students with an official statute).

Grant application

There are two application rounds per year:

- **17 May 2026** is the deadline for mobilities in the autumn semester
- **19 October 2025** is the deadline for mobilities in the spring semester

By that deadline, you need to have arranged your traineeship, or to have received news from your host institution, to make your application very concrete in terms of content.

You can apply for a Provincial grant online [here ↗ \(https://www.west-vlaanderen.be/subsidies/internationaal-subsidiereglement\)](https://www.west-vlaanderen.be/subsidies/internationaal-subsidiereglement) (click on 'Vraag online je subsidie aan' and register).

Please note!

- The mentioned deadlines are internal Howest deadlines. However, applications that will be submitted after this deadline on the Provincial platform will not be validated by Howest!
- Make sure your grant application is **sufficiently detailed in its content**. This will increase your chances of receiving a grant.

(<https://www.west-vlaanderen.be/subsidies/internationaal-subsidiereglement>)

ATTENTION!

The Province's [Call ↗ \(https://www.west-vlaanderen.be/sites/default/files/2019-06/Subsidiereglement%20%20Reglement%202020-2025_HOI.docx.pdf\)](https://www.west-vlaanderen.be/sites/default/files/2019-06/Subsidiereglement%20%20Reglement%202020-2025_HOI.docx.pdf) ↗
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and online form are all in Dutch, but you can answer the questions in English, mentioning that you are a student of an English-taught bachelor's degree (provided you are not Flemish). If interested, ask your international coordinator for help with the documents in Dutch.

Carefully read the call and bear in mind the selection criteria and tips mentioned. Remember, the jury has no clue about the nature of your mobility project. Describe it very clearly and concisely.

Applications where **the goal** of your mobility and the manner/planning to achieve these are vague, do not make a chance. Also, clearly mention the added value/return for all parties, including the province.

Link your mobility project to **the policy lines** of the Province of West Flanders.

If you can link your project to one of the 5 clusters/flagships which the Province wants to promote internationally, all the better:

1. Agro-Food cluster: spicing up the economy
 2. New Materials Cluster: pioneering change
 3. Blue Energy Cluster: ahead of the wave
 4. Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics Cluster: powering the future
 5. Health Care Economy: Taking care of business

In addition, you should test your project against the [SDGs](https://unric.org/en/united-nations-sustainable-development-goals/) (<https://unric.org/en/united-nations-sustainable-development-goals/>) - Sustainable Development Goals.

Ask for feedback in time from your international coordinator when writing your application. Good luck!

Participate in the network day "Word Wereldburger" in October - Dutch spoken at the event

The Province annually organises this network and formation day for all applicants. Participating is an advantage when the jury grants the provincial scholarships. Registration is compulsory.

Drawing up your final report for the province

For your final report, use the three documents below. This has to be submitted to the Province, **one month after your return at the latest**. If you are too late, the second share will not be paid!!!

- Payment form student
- Evaluation document student
- Report form provincial recognizability (to prove that in your final report, the logo of the Province of West Flanders was used on your presentations and so on.)

All documents are published [here ↗ \(https://www.west-vlaanderen.be/subsidies/internationaal-subsidiereglement\)](https://www.west-vlaanderen.be/subsidies/internationaal-subsidiereglement).