

Generieke & Howest beurzen / Generic & Howest grants (NL / ENG)

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De Generieke beurzen zijn een programma van de Vlaamse overheid, dat Howest soms kan aanvullen met enkele eigen beurzen die dezelfde regelgeving volgen. Generieke beurzen gaan in eerste instantie naar studenten die op **intercontinentale mobiliteit trekken naar geïndustrialiseerde ('duurdere') bestemmingen**, zoals o.m. de Verenigde Staten, Zuid-Korea, Canada, Australië, Japan, ...

voor:

- ofwel een **semester studie** bij één van onze partneruniversiteiten (in de Verenigde Staten, Zuid-Korea, Japan of Canada)
- ofwel voor een **stage** van minstens 1 maand.

Howest verbiedt alle mobiliteit naar Rusland, Wit-Rusland, Oekraïne, Israël, Palestina en elk ander gebied in oorlog. We volgen ook ten alle tijde het Reisadvies van Buitenlandse Zaken op. We wijzen op de mogelijks problematische inreisomstandigheden in de VS in het kader van het gender- en vreemdelingenbeleid van de Trump regering.

Erasmus programmalanden zijn uitgesloten binnen dit beursprogramma.



Foto: Yente Vandevoorde (r), Toerisme en recreatiemanagement, studie-semester Sejong University, Zuid-Korea, 2024-25.

Zoals bij alle programma's van de Vlaamse overheid moet **25% van de Generieke beurzen gaan naar studenten uit de ondervertegenwoordigde groepen**. Vandaar dat studenten uit die

categorieën voorrang krijgen bij selectie voor Generieke beurzen. Ze ontvangen ook een hoger beursbedrag. In de Oproep zelf, hieronder, vind je meer info over wie tot die groepen behoort.

Studenten met **minder dure intercontinentale bestemmingen** (Kazachstan, China, Taiwan, Brazilië, Mexico, Zuid-Afrika, enz.) komen in aanmerking voor de reservelijst, evenals **late inschrijvingen**. In het verleden konden we geregeld studenten op de reservelijst alsnog een beurs toekennen. **Dus wie nu al plannen heeft voor intercontinentale stage of studie in 2026-27, schrijft zich best in.**

Er is **slechts één aanvraagmoment per jaar** voor mobiliteit in het herfst- of lentesemester van het academiejaar erop. Je moet er dus vroeg bij zijn!!

- **Inschrijven/kandideren in de online registratietool (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/modules/items/11323>) tegen uiterlijk 5 januari 2026**
- De integrale Oproep wordt elk jaar in januari hieronder gepubliceerd, en blijft het ganse jaar staan tot de nieuwe oproep er komt. Er komt ook een aankondiging via Leho. Lees de oproep goed door!!

Oproep Generieke & Howest-beurzen voor 2025-26 (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/oproep-generieke-and-howest-beurzen-nl>)

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ENGLISH

Howest prohibits all travel to Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Israel, and the Palestinian territories, nor to any other region in war. We always follow the official travel advice as published by our Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We note the potentially problematic entry conditions into the U.S. under the Trump administration's gender and immigration policies.

The Generic Scholarships are a Flemish Government programme. Apart from those, Howest can sometimes grant its own scholarships according to the rules of the Generic programme. Howest reserves its Generic grants in the first instance for intercontinental mobility to **Industrialised ("higher cost") destinations** such as the USA, South Korea, Canada, Australia, Japan, the 3 high-cost cities

of China (Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong), etc. for either a semester of study at one of Howest's partner universities in the USA, Japan, South Korea or Canada, or for an internship of at least one month. Erasmus programme countries are not eligible for this programme.

Students can qualify for a Generic grant as follows:

- **via timely registration in the online tool (by January 5th) (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/modules/items/11322>)** with application for a mobility to a "higher cost" destination for which no other scholarship programme is available, and after having passed the selection process as described in
 - **Basic conditions and selection criteria for study abroad (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/basic-conditions-and-selection-criteria-for-study-abroad-en>)**
 - **Selection and selection criteria for traineeship abroad (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/selectie-en-criteria-voor-buitenlandse-stage-slash-selection-and-selection-criteria-for-traineeship-abroad-nl-slash-eng>)**
- (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/modules/items/11322>) after their application for mobility to a "higher cost" destination has been turned down by one of the specific Flemish scholarship programmes. For destinations that qualify for a specific scholarship programme, students might be required by Howest International Office to first apply for a grant via that programme. Students who failed to do that, or did not apply in a serious way, will receive the lowest priority for the Generic grants.

Like with all programmes of the Flemish Government, at least **25% of the Generic grants have to go to students of the underrepresented groups**, being students with a study grant from the Flemish government, students with special needs who have a recognition by the VAPH (the Flemish Agency for persons with an impairment), or working students with the official statute. In case less than 25% of the grantees would be from underrepresented groups, Howest will have to return a part of our budget to the government, thus students from those groups get priority for selection.

The **Generic scholarship amounts** €700 per month.

An extra €200/month will be awarded to students who belong to an underrepresented group in higher education:

- Students who are entitled to a Flemish study grant.
- Students with a disability, recognized by VAPH.
- Working students in a work programme. The student must be an employee or must be looking for a job, and the study programme must be aligned with the work programme proposed by the employment service. Moreover, the student cannot have obtained a Master's degree or a second-cycle diploma yet.

On top of the monthly amount, you will receive a reimbursement for your travel expenses in function of the distance to the destination: **ranging from €180 to €1500** (see the table in the Call

for more details).

Nationality is not a criterion for the Generic grants, but students **who go on mobility to their country of origin** (i.e., of which they have the nationality and/or where they spent a big part of their life) are not eligible for a Generic grant (nor for an Erasmus+ grant).

Only bachelor students with a diploma contract qualify for the Generic grants (not associate degree students).

In case of **remunerated internship**: students who do not belong to the underrepresented groups and who receive remuneration from (the equivalent of) 800 EURO per month (or similar value in kind) for their foreign internship are not eligible. Students from underrepresented groups who receive an allowance from (the equivalent of) 1050 EURO per month (or similar value in kind) are eligible only if necessary to meet the 25% quota of students from underrepresented groups, and may then be awarded a partial scholarship.

Students with a destination that qualifies for the other Flemish scholarship programs with national selection, namely the Priority Country program, the Washington Center, or ASEM Work Placement, may be asked by the International Office to first apply for that specific program before being eligible for a Generic or Howest scholarship for intercontinental mobility.

It is NOT allowed to combine a Generic or Howest scholarship with another Flemish scholarship (The Washington Center, Priority Countries, ASEM Work Placement), nor with a Vliruos scholarship, nor with a scholarship of the Province of West Flanders. However, if the student was selected for a partial Generic or Howest scholarship or if the student is on the reserve list of Generic scholarships at the application deadline of the Province of West Flanders scholarship program, it is permitted to apply for a scholarship from the Province of West Flanders. However, holders of partial Generic scholarships are not allowed to combine them with the other listed Flemish scholarship programs.

There is **only one application round per year**, for all mobilities in the fall and spring semesters of the academic year following the call.

- The actual Call is published here each year in January (+ announcement via Leho and FB)
- **Register in the online tool (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/modules/items/11322>)** **by January 5th**

If the budget for the Howest grants is not fully used after the yearly selection decision end of February, we then take into account students who go to lower cost destinations like Kazakhstan, China, Taiwan, Brazil or Mexico, and chances exist that we can grant scholarships to late comers as well, on a first-come-first-served basis.

Oproep (Call) Generieke & Howest-beurzen voor 2025-26 (the call for 2026-27 will be published late January) (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/oproep-generieke-and-howest-beurzen-nl>)

This full Call only exists in Dutch. Its main modalities are described above. Ask your international co-ordinator for more info and for help in case you want to apply for an intercontinental destination.

Picture on top: Howest'ers Arthur Hugelier, Céline Hoef, and Maxime De Puysseleir at Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, fall semester 2018-19.