

With a new year, come new opportunities. At our university, we are promoting the different ways to finance studies. We would like to provide you with the information which might be interesting for your recent graduates that are looking to study more in a different country.

The Master Mind Scholarships Fellowship Programme for Excellent Students is offered by the Flemish government. It gives you a fixed amount of 8.400 EUR and reduced tuition fee to study at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Before you can apply for a scholarship you need an admission letter issued by the VUB-Education and Student Administration Office. Applying to take up an initial master degree programme at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel has to be done online (<https://www.vub.be/en/studying-at-the-vub/how-to-apply#apply>). Applying for a place at the VUB does not mean you are applying for a scholarship and vice versa. Questions about the online VUB application procedure and process should be addressed to the Education and Student Administration Office (<https://www.vub.be/en/studying-at-the-vub/how-to-apply#faq-and-contact>)

Although Dutch is the main language of instruction at the VUB, we do offer English taught master programmes. Information about the initial Master programmes can be found at <https://www.vub.be/en/study/masters#alphabetic> . Please note that some interuniversity programmes are excluded for this scholarship.

To be eligible for the Master Mind scholarship:

- You have to be admitted to take up an initial Master programme at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. A copy of the admission letter issued by the VUB-Education and Student Administration Office should be enclosed with the scholarship application file.
- You should have a high standard of academic performance:
 - You should have a CGPA of 3.5 out of 4.0 (<https://www.scholaro.com/gpa-Calculator>) (see Annex1: How to calculate your American GPA)
 - Passing a language test is compulsory: you should have a minimum score of 94 on a TOEFL iBT, min. Band 7 on a IELTS test academic module or a score of min. 170 on the Cambridge English Qualification Scale (CEQS). During the COVID 19 period online versions of TOEFL iBT and IELTS will be accepted. Attestations or other language tests than the above mentioned are not accepted.
 - The previous degree obtained should be from a higher education institution located outside Flanders.
 - You are not yet enrolled at a Flemish higher education institution.

You can find more information about the scholarship [on this website](#). Applications for the scholarship and all requested documents should reach us before **25 February 2022 – 5 pm Brussels time**.

If granted a scholarship, the scholarship will be given for the duration of the master programme (one or two years). In case of a two-year programme, the scholarship will be lost if you obtain less than 54 ECTS in the first year. The Vrije Universiteit Brussel will ask students, receiving a Master Mind scholarship, for the lowest tuition fee rate. This fee has to be paid per year of enrolment. When losing the scholarship, the full tuition fee will be asked. For your information: for the academic year 2022-2023 the lowest tuition fee will equal 115.80 euro.

The scholarship will amount to maximum 8.400 euro per academic year. However as living in Brussels is expensive, this scholarship will not cover all costs. More information about how much money you need, can be found on <https://www.vub.be/en/studying-at-the-vub/expenses> . Information about housing can be found on [https://student.vub.be/en/housing#regular-\(international\)-students](https://student.vub.be/en/housing#regular-(international)-students) .

Kind regards,

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