



# 10 steps to study in Holland

So, you have decided to study in Holland? Great choice! But where do you start with your preparations? The guide below will take you through all the necessary steps. Start your preparations a year in advance.

## 1. Get to know your options

Your first step is to learn more about the Dutch education system and the options that it offers. You can choose education that is focused on applied science or on academic research. Browse around on [www.studyinholland.nl](http://www.studyinholland.nl) and get to know your options. Also visit the stand of Study in Holland or Dutch institutions at a study-abroad fair, and join information webinars. If you have any questions, connect with 'Study in Holland' on social media.

## 2. Choose an English-taught study programme

This is a big one, because what are you going to study while you're here? Holland offers more than 2,100 study programmes taught in English, more than any other non-native English speaking country! Browse our database at [www.studyfinder.nl](http://www.studyfinder.nl) to find available study programmes.

## 3. Apply for the programme

Read more about the minimum admission requirements at [www.studyinholland.nl/admissionrequirements](http://www.studyinholland.nl/admissionrequirements). Once you've found a programme that suits you, check with the education institution what the specific requirements are. Then prepare your documents and apply.

## 4. Patience, patience, patience

And now you wait. An education institution can take a maximum of 8 weeks to respond to your application. Keep your fingers crossed! Once you're accepted, make sure you sign up for a pre-departure briefing, if there is one held in your country. Check [www.studyinholland.nl/contact/events](http://www.studyinholland.nl/contact/events) for more information.



- 5. Finance your studies**  
Make the proper financial arrangements. Do you need extra funding for your studies? Look for scholarship possibilities at [www.studyinholland.nl/scholarships](http://www.studyinholland.nl/scholarships). You can apply for multiple scholarships. Also, be sure to contact your host institution, your local government and your own university's international office to ask about funding possibilities.
- 6. Get your immigration documents sorted**  
You're almost there! Or should we say here? Now is the time to find out which immigration procedure applies to you and prepare the documents that are required. Your host institution will apply for your visa for you, and will contact you to get the process started. Do you have a passport from an EU/EEA country or Switzerland? Then you don't need a visa. Check [www.studyinholland.nl/visa](http://www.studyinholland.nl/visa) for more information.
- 7. Get insurance**  
Of course we hope that you won't need it, but having proper insurance is necessary in Holland! There are several options: find out which option applies to your situation on [www.studyinholland.nl/insurance](http://www.studyinholland.nl/insurance).
- 8. Find housing**  
Where will you live when you're in Holland? Read up on our information on housing at [www.studyinholland.nl/housing](http://www.studyinholland.nl/housing), ask your host institution for help, or ask other students from your university by connecting with them through social media.
- 9. Get over here!**  
You're ready! So, pack your suitcase, give your friends and family a big hug, and catch your plane. Destination: your future!
- 10. Make the most of your time in Holland**  
Meet a lot of new friends from all over the world and become part of our welcoming society. Make sure you register for our Holland Alumni Network through [www.hollandalumni.nl/register](http://www.hollandalumni.nl/register), to stay in touch with the Dutch!