

MASTER IN – WBI GRANTS

APPLICATION GUIDE

Wallonia-Brussels International (WBI) offers Master's grants to international students holding at least a Bachelor's degree obtained from a foreign institution recognised by the higher education authorities in the applicant's country. The Master's degree must be completed in Wallonia or Brussels within a higher education institution recognised by the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.

Application procedure

Candidates apply directly to the international relations office of the relevant higher education institution and send them, via the contact provided on the programme's web page (<https://www.studyinbelgium.be/fr/bourse-master-wbi>), the application form for the Master IN - WBI grants.

To find the contact person at the international relations office of the relevant higher education institution, please visit: <https://www.studyinbelgium.be/fr/etablissements-denseignement-superieur-daccueil-bourse-master-wbi> or www.wbi.be.

Documents to be attached to the application form for the Master IN – WBI grants.

- Copy of the international passport or national identity card.
- A one-page curriculum vitae (if applicable, include your publications, previous grants, etc.).
- A motivation letter of maximum 2,500 words written in French or English, depending on the language of the chosen Master's programme.
- Copy of the obtained diploma(s) and transcript of grades; if written in a language other than French or English, it must be accompanied by a certified translation.
- Declaration signed by the candidate (see application form).

Eligibility conditions for the Master IN – WBI grants.

- Any applicant who meets the necessary and sufficient conditions for applying for admission to the host higher education institution may apply, regardless of nationality.
- Applicants must indicate the reference number of the admission file on their application form.
- Applicants who have studied in: Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, South Korea, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tunisia, United Kingdom and USA are given priority.
- Any field of study is taken into consideration.
- The applicant holds a 1st or 2nd cycle degree that is sufficient to gain access to the Master's programme chosen and meets the entry requirements.



- The applicant holds a 1st or 2nd cycle degree awarded by an institution whose studies or training are recognised by the competent higher education authorities in the applicant's country of origin.
- The last 1st or 2nd cycle degree obtained in the country of origin must have been awarded no more than 5 years before the start of the study programme applied for.
- Applications that meet the eligibility criteria of the [ARES development cooperation grants programme are excluded](#).
- The grant application form and the [documents to be attached](#) to this form must be sent to the higher education institution concerned by midnight (Brussels time) **on 31 March at the latest** for the coming academic year.
- The subject of the e-mail sending the application must be: "MASTER IN - WBI grants - Name and surname of the applicant".
- Incomplete applications will not be submitted to the selection committee.

Financial Modalities

The financial support to the beneficiary is capped at 10,000 euros per academic year. This package may cover: admission fees, tuition fees, learning materials including dissertation fees, the purchase of syllabi and books, computer consumables, school supplies, etc., international transportation costs up to one round-trip economy class during the programme, installation costs including the purchase of household materials up to a maximum of 125 euros, local travel expenses related to studies and/or housing costs with a ceiling of 400 euros per month without rental guarantee.

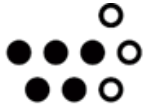
Beneficiaries of financial support will pay the same tuition fees as Belgian and European students.

Financial support will be paid in three instalments during the academic year to an account in euros.

- The first instalment, equivalent to 50% of the total amount, will be paid on arrival in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation to start the targeted academic year and based on a declaration of arrival from the host institution.
- A second instalment of 25% will be paid at the end of January.
- The payment of the final instalment of 25% will be subject to the successful completion of the academic year and the submission of a written and/or video testimonial of their study experience in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation. The candidate agrees to the dissemination of this testimonial by Wallonia-Brussels International and Wallonia-Brussels Campus on its various communication platforms: website, activity report, Instagram, Facebook, X, brochures...

Financial support is granted for one academic year:

- In the case of a Master 60, financial support is granted for a maximum of one year.
- In the case of a Master 120, financial support is granted for a maximum of two years, i.e., 1 grant of maximum 10,000 euros per academic year, provided that a minimum of 54 credits at the end of



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the first year is validated to continue the payment of financial support during the second year; if not, the financial support is definitively stopped.

Furthermore, Wallonia-Brussels International covers health insurance, mutual subrogation, repatriation, and private liability insurance costs for the grant holder.

Selection Modalities

The selection is carried out initially by the host higher education institution based on criteria established by it. Its ranking is transmitted to Wallonia-Brussels International, which makes the final selection based on defined criteria.

Results are communicated to the host higher education institution no later than **May 15, 2024**.

The applicant is informed of the follow-up given to his/her application by the host higher education institution.

All stays must begin in the calendar year of selection. No postponement will be possible.

If the student is not awarded the grant and therefore decides not to pursue his/her application for admission to the host institution, the application fees incurred will not be reimbursed.

Contacts and Addition Information

- International Relations Service of the targeted institution. To find the contact person, please visit <https://www.studyinbelgium.be/en/host-higher-education-institutions-master-wbi-grants> or www.wbi.be.
- For administrative questions, WBI - International Grant Department: bourses@wbi.be.