

**M.Sc. Programme in Public Health
Faculty of Health Sciences, Maastricht University
in cooperation with
The Netherlands School of Public and Occupational Health,
Amsterdam**



MATRA TRAINING FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION OFFERS FULL SCHOLARSHIPS

For students from:

Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Jordan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine.

For the academic year 2006 – 2007



Matra Training for European Cooperation (MTEC) Scholarships for Promising Students and Public Health Professionals

Approximately 40 full scholarships are made available by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the M.Sc. programme in Public Health as offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences of Maastricht University in cooperation with the Netherlands School of Public and Occupational Health (Amsterdam) for the coming academic year 2006/2007.

Purpose of the MTEC Scholarships

The MTEC scholarships are intended for promising students from states which either have just acceded the European Union or will do so in the near future and those which border the extended Union both in the East and in the South. In this way the Netherlands wishes to contribute to the enhancement of strategic cooperation and partnerships on the basis of the core values which are shared by the EU: human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

Coverage of the MTEC Scholarship

The MTEC scholarship covers tuition fee, study materials, housing, subsistence, travel to and from the home country, a personal development programme (including Action Learning) and a social programme.

Who May Apply For an MTEC Scholarship?

The MTEC scholarships are intended for both promising students and public health professionals, that is, those who have completed a bachelor degree in public health, the health sciences or an associated domain and have started their career in a relevant field of work.

Preconditions

The MTEC scholarships are meant for students and residents of the aforementioned countries (as listed on the front page) who completed their BSc with flying colours and who satisfy the criteria for admission to the MSc Public Health programme as offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences, Maastricht University.

Public health professionals are required to submit proof of their employment to study for at least 10 months abroad and be issued with a guarantee that they can take up their position upon return.

Prospective students need to have completed a bachelor degree in public health, the health sciences or an associated domain, reside in the relevant states at the time of application, have a TOEFL score of at least 213 on the computer-based test; or 550 on the paper-based test, or a satisfactory score on a similar test, for example, at least 6.5 on an IELTS test and not be older than 35 years.

The M.Sc. Programme in Public Health

The MSc Public Health at Maastricht University provides a rigorous academic training that emphasizes the acquisition of essential analytical skills and conceptual knowledge to understand the complexities of the public health domain.

Students choose one of five specialisations:

- a) Epidemiology
- b) Health Care Studies
- c) Health Education and Promotion
- d) Health Policy, Economics and Management
- e) Work and Health

The MSc in Public Health is a one-year full-time programme, and taught in English. Essential elements within the programme are provided by the Netherlands School of Public and Occupational Health.

Location

Whilst studying, students will have their living quarters in the city of Maastricht. Students will travel at least three times to Amsterdam, to take part in the personal development programme which is supplied by the Netherlands School of Public and Occupational Health. To study in Maastricht is to study with an international perspective. Maastricht University has a high rate of international students, representing all corners of the globe. This mixture brings foreign knowledge and culture to Maastricht, and this international environment enables the university to offer students a one of a kind study experience. Maastricht University was founded in 1975, and is the youngest university in the country. It has a student population of twelve thousand students, eighteen thousand alumni and more than three-thousand staff members. Early on, the university based all of its teaching programmes on the Problem-based Learning (PBL) approach and remains the only university in the Netherlands to do so.

Application

Candidates should apply through the website of CROSS/EVD (www.cross-agency.nl) and consecutively send their printed application form to the Royal Netherlands Embassy in their country.

Furthermore, applicants who want to be considered for a MTEC scholarship have to go through the regular admission procedure of the Faculty of Health Sciences at Maastricht University.

Applicants who have already been admitted to the M.Sc. Public Health programme by the Board of Admissions of the Faculty of Health Sciences, can directly apply for an MTEC scholarship by using the application form which is available at the website of CROSS/EVD.

Note

Applications for admission for the academic year 2006/07 should be sent before the 1st of July 2006.

More Information

For more detailed information on the aforementioned five specialisations within the M.Sc. Public Health programme, the admission criteria, and the application procedures, please visit: www.fdgw.unimaas.nl/mtec

For specific questions on these procedures, please contact Mrs. Anke Schmitt (Officer Board of Admissions) at the Faculty of Health Sciences of Maastricht University by email (a.schmitt@facburfdgw.unimaas.nl) or telephone (+ 31-43-3881438).

For more information about the MTEC scholarships, including conditions regarding application and the entitlements and obligations which are attached to the scholarships, and the application form, please visit: www.cross-agency.nl or contact Mr. Diederik ter Haar by email (crossonline@info.evd.nl) or telephone (+31 (0)70 778 8139).

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