Scholarships Elisabeth & Amélie Fund

Thematic mobility grant programme for students from developing countries about "Access to water, protection or improvement of water quality and water management in developing countries"

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1. Introduction

At least a hundred students from developing countries are attending an educational institution in Belgium and taking courses on water on a master's or bachelor after bachelor's level, whether they are financed by a scholarship of the Belgian development cooperation (BTC, VLIR-UOS, ARES,...) or not.

The Fund Elisabeth & Amélie wants these students to focus on the theme of water within the framework of their education, but also with the aim of further engaging them after their education on the theme of water within their home country. The Fund wants these students to focus, within the framework of their education, on the concrete challenges in the South regarding the theme of water and therefore increase the impact of their education in Belgium for themselves (hands-on-experience) as well as for society (impact on society).

2. What kind of mobility grant?

This grant consists of a direct financial compensation for students that covers the costs of stay in a developing country out of Europa (OECD-DAC countries, only countries out of Europe are eligible) within the framework of their education. It is required that this stay has an academic finality, in the sense that it supports the work for the end of year thesis of the students' educational programme in Belgium. Prior approval by the promotor/supervisor is mandatory. The stay will be referred to as "internship" in this document.

3. Who is it for?

This grant can only be allowed to students that are (cumulative criteria):

- Nationals of a developing country (OECD-DAC countries (see appendix below), outside Europe)
- Currently following an educational programme, master, bachelor after bachelor or master after master, at a BELGIAN educational institution (University or Haute Ecole).

4. What is the object?

The object of study must directly relate to the theme of water (access to water, protection or improvement of water quality or water management) and correspond with an integrated approach to the issue (technical and/or social aspects).

5. Where, when and how long?

a. Where?

The student has to undertake the internship, in a developing country (OECD-DAC countries, out of Europe). This can be the student's country of origin or another developing country.

b. When?

The internship must take place during the academic year 2024-2025, between January 2025 and the end of August 2025.

c. How long?

The duration of the internship can vary between one and two months.

The purpose of the internship must be achievable within the proposed time frame.

6. What does this mobility grant cover?

This grant of max. € 5,000 covers the costs associated with the internship. This includes, but is not limited to costs of transportation (flight tickets), costs of accommodation (sleeping accommodation), and costs of purchase/use of material.

The Elisabeth and Amélie Fund will not finance general purpose equipment such as computers, touch pads, cameras, dictaphones etc.

The Elisabeth and Amélie Fund may finance equipment required specifically for the internship, such as GPS, multi-parameter probes, etc.

Also eligible for funding are the costs of on-site helpers. However, their exact role, profile and specific tasks must be detailed and explained.

The student has to submit a detailed budget proposal as part of his application. He will also clearly indicate if he has an ARES (or other) subsidy and will specify the terms and conditions.

7. How can I apply?

a. Application

Applications are entered online (www.kbs-frb.be) by the candidate, with the approval of the promotor/supervisor who agrees to take academic responsibility.

b. Deadlines

Applications can be submitted up to 21/10/2024 midnight, exclusively through the website of the King Baudouin Foundation.

8. Selection procedure

An independent jury shall select the candidates. The selection will be announced during the month of December 2024. Around ten grants will be awarded for this call.

9. Evaluation

The fellows undertake to provide an evaluation report of their internship according to the criteria of the King Baudouin Foundation. She/He will also provide a 5 to 10 minutes video explaining the project.

10. Who to contact for more information?

The King Baudouin Foundation, who manages the Elisabeth & Amélie Fund, functions as secretary for this call.

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Appendix 1:

DAC List of ODA Recipients | Effective for reporting on 2024 and 2025 flows

Afghanistan (L) Angola (LM) Democratic People's Republic of Korea Albania Algeria Syrian Arab Republic Argentina Bangladesh (LM) Benin (LM) Bolivia Armenia Azerbaijan Cabo Verde Burkina Faso (L) Cameroon Belarus Cambodia (LM) Côte d'Ivoire Bosnia and Herzegovina Central African Republic (L) Egypt Eswatini Botswana Chad (L) Brazil Comoros (LM) China (People's Republic of) Ghana Democratic Republic of the Congo (L) Djibouti (LM) Colombia Costa Rica India Eritrea (L) Ethiopia (L) Iran Jordan Cuba Dominican Republic Gambia (L) Kenva Guinea (LM) Kyrgyzstan Ecuador Guinea-Bissau (L) El Salvador Lebanon Haiti /I Mi Micronesia Equatorial Guinea Kiribati (LM) Mongolia Lap People's Democratic Republic (LM) Morocco Gabon Nicaragua Nigeria Georgia Grenada Lesotho (LM) Liberia (L) Madagascar (L) Malawi (L) Pakistan Guatemala Papua New Guinea Mali (L) Philippines Indonesia Mauritania (LM) Mozambique (L) Iraq Jamaica Myanmar (LM) Taiikistan Kazakhstan Kosovo Libya Nepal (LM) Tokelau* Niger (L) Tunisia Rwanda (L) Sao Tome and Principe¹ (LM) Malaysia Maldives Ukraine Senegal (LM) Marshall Islands Sierra Leone (L) Solomon Islands¹ (LM) Mauritius Mexico Viet Nam Zimbabwe Somalia (L) Moldova South Sudan (L) Sudan (L) Montserrat² (H) Tanzania (LM) Timor-Leste (LM) Namibia Nauru⁴ (H) Togo (L) Tuvalu (UM) Uganda (L) Niue* North Macedonia Palau Yemen (L) Zambia (LM) Panama^a (H) Paraguay Peru Saint Helena* Saint Lucia (1) General Assembly resolution A/73/L.40/Rex.1 adopted on 13 December 2018 decided that São Tomé and Principe and Solemen Islands will gradualte six years after the adoption of the resolution, i.e., on 13 December 2024. Angola's previously scheduled graduation from the LDC category was deterred in 2023. At the UN Committee for Development Policy's 2024 Tribential Review, Angola no larger met the graduation order in and therefore will remain an LDC. The LEX will therefore be revised for 2025 and 2026 DNA reporting if it is confirmed that São Tomé and Principe and Solomon Islands moved from the LDC category, and they will appear against their respective World Bank groupings on the List. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines South Africa Suriname Thailand (2) Guyana and Panama exceeded the high-income threshold in 2022. In accordance with the DAC rules for revision of this List. If they remain a Tonga Türkiye high-income country until 2025, they will be proposed for graduation from the List in the 2026 review. (3) The DAC agreed to defer the decision to graduate Montsornal until October 2025, based on reliable GNI per capita data to be submitted by the latest on 1 July 2025. If the data show that Montserral remained a high-income country, it will be proposed for graduation for 2025. Turkmenistan Venezuelai Wallis and Futuna* (4) The DAC approved the graduation of Nauru from the DAC List of ODA Recipients but agreed to defer the date of effect of its graduation until 1 January 2026. In January 2026, the DAC will update the DAC List of ODA Recipients to reflect Nauru's graduation. West Bank and Gaza Strip (5) Venezuela has been temporarily unclassified by the World Bank in July 2021 pending release of revised national accounts statistics. Estimated

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Note: L, LM, UM and Hishown after country names refer to the latest World Bank in come classifications of: LDCs and any high-income countries that have not yet neit the criteria for graduation. For the World Bank's current 2004 flood year, live income (L) economies are defined as those with a DRI yet crapit; activation using the World Bank Albar method, of USD 1135 or isses in 2022; lower middle-income as these with a DRI yet capita between USD 1136 and USD 1465; upper middle-income (UM) economies are those with a DRI yet capita between USD 13 845; high income (H) economies are those with a DRI yet capita between USD 13 845.

"Countries and territories not classified in World Bank income groups. Estimated placement on the List.

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