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UAF

The Foundation for Refugee Students UAF has been supporting refugees and asylum seekers in the Netherlands since 1948 by means of:

- Scholarships and contributions towards the costs of preparation and study.
- Individual coaching and advice provided by tutors.
- Support in finding a work placement or a job.
- Advising government and educational institutions on suitable pathways for refugees with higher education.

Who qualifies for UAF support?

The main requirement for support from UAF is refugee status. That is why we verify whether in our opinion your claim to refugee status as referred to in article 1 of the Geneva Convention on Refugees is legitimate.

UAF can help if the following applies to you:

1. You have applied for asylum in the Netherlands.
2. You intend to study within the regular educational system at university, HBO or MBO-level 3 or 4. If you have completed a study in your home country and have acquired work experience you may also be eligible for certain short-term educational trajectories.
3. You have had sufficient previous training. This means that you have completed at least 12 years of

previous training in your home country and/or hold a secondary education diploma. Or you qualify for direct admission to a transition year, MBO, HBO or WO course.

4. If you don't speak English or French you should speak Dutch at a sufficient level (by preference NT2 level 3).
5. At the moment you apply to UAF you obtained your residence permit preferably less than eight years ago. We can make an exception to this rule if you can submit valid arguments.

Applying

If the above applies to you, you can apply to UAF, either through the application form on the website www.uaf.nl/inschrijven or by telephone on working days.

After your application and the accompanying documents have been received, UAF will attend to your application.

For a proper assessment of your application it is important that we get a clear and detailed picture of the account of your flight. That is why you might receive an invitation from UAF to further explain the account of your flight in a personal talk. Finally, the UAF assessment committee will take a decision as to whether UAF may welcome you as a client. This decision is based on the question whether your claim to refugee status as referred to in the Convention on Refugees is legitimate according to UAF.

Tutoring

At UAF you receive personal tutoring throughout your studies. The tutors support you in your choice of studies, the preparation of your studies and in solving problems that might hinder study progress.

They encourage you to look ahead and work on your future. If necessary the tutor can mediate for you as a personal adviser at the educational institution, the benefits office, the employment office and other bodies.

Preparation

Your chances of graduating are higher after a good preparation of your studies. By way of preparation you can follow a 'transition year' (also called a preparatory year or language and transition course). During this year you attend Dutch language and other necessary classes. It also enables you to get used to the Dutch educational system. UAF supports participation in a transition course. For further information please visit www.schakeljaren.nl.

Job guidance

The Job Support Consultant can support you in finding a work placement or a job that fits your wishes and qualifications. Each year many students find a job with the help of UAF.

Financing your studies

How (the preparation of) your studies is financed depends on your personal situation. UAF does not apply an age

limit. Your age will be a factor in the choice of studies however. Other important factors are: whether or not you hold a residence permit, your personal income (and that of your partner if you have one) and the choice for a fulltime or part-time study course.

After you have been accepted as a client, we check whether you are eligible for student finance or any other government scheme.

If you are not eligible, UAF may grant you financial support.

If you want to know more about this subject, you can send for a brochure from UAF containing extensive information on student finance for refugee students.

Repayment

In general, 60% of the study costs UAF pays for you is a gift and 40% a loan. After termination of your studies you are to repay the loan.

More information?

Do you have any further questions or require more information? On working days you can contact the UAF Application and Applicant Procedure department by telephone on 030-252 08 35.

You can also visit us during office hours at Wednesday between 2 and 4 p.m. Do you consider visiting the UAF Office? Please, contact us in advance by telephone so we can discuss whether a visit is useful in your situation.



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