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## UAF application criteria

The Foundation for Refugee Students UAF is an independent organization financed by funds. Our financial resources are limited. Not every refugee that asks our support is able to get it. The UAF will deal with every application individually and carefully.

### What we do

The Foundation for Refugee Students UAF supports and counsels refugees. We advise refugees about their choice of studies and counsel them while they are studying and looking for a job after graduation. If necessary we offer financial support for their studies.

### UAF has the following application criteria

#### You are a refugee.

- After your application for asylum you have received a residence permit. You have acquired this residence permit less than five years ago.
- You do not have a residence permit yet, but your asylum procedure is in progress. You have a valid w-document, which is handed out by the Immigration Service (IND). You have had interviews with IND (first interview and second interview, in Dutch called 'eerste gehoor' and 'nader gehoor').
- You have got a residence permit based on the resettlement policy (= on invitation by the Dutch authorities). You have acquired your residence permit no longer than five years ago.
- You have come to the Netherlands to reunite with your family (family reunification). You have not gone through an asylum procedure yourself, but you have a status based on the refugee status of, for instance, your partner or your parent(s).

#### Your preparatory training is sufficient to study in higher education: University or University of Applied Sciences (hbo/hogeschool).

- In your country of origin, you have at least finished secondary school\* and you were ready to start a study at the university.
- After secondary school you were studying in your country of origin.

*\*Secondary school means that your preliminary training has been sufficient to start a study in higher education (for example the University)*





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**You speak English, French or Dutch at an advanced level.**

In order to register at the UAF you have to speak one of these languages at level B1 or higher. In order to be admitted to either a University of Applied Sciences (hbo) or a University you usually need the Second Dutch State Exam Programme (NT2-II).

**You are motivated to learn Dutch at a fast pace and an advanced level.**

In order to be admitted to either a University or a University of Applied Sciences (hbo) you usually need to have a diploma of NT2 (Dutch as a Second Language) State exam, programme II (level B2). With the NT2 programme I (level B1) diploma, you can enter MBO level 3 or 4. But first check whether this is enough for your study. Sometimes it is better to achieve NT2-II. Dutch proficiency will help you integrate and provide you with better work and study opportunities. **This is why we expect you to take the NT2-II State Exam even if you plan on studying in English.** We will only support English-language programmes if you have reached the B1 proficiency level before your programme starts.

**You are capable of studying independently.**

The UAF expects you to take responsibility for your own progress. We offer (financial) support and advice, but it will be up to you to show you are capable of studying in higher education. You need the right motivation and a proactive and independent attitude to be successful.

**You have not yet graduated at a Dutch University or University of Applied Sciences.**

UAF is mainly dependent on donations and gifts, our resources are limited. That is one of the reasons we focus on supporting refugees without a Dutch diploma. If you do have a Dutch diploma at hbo or University level we cannot support another study programme. You can ask support of UAF for help with training for job applications.

**You are willing to refund part of the payments you received to finance your studies.**

Part of your study costs will be considered a loan, depending on the type of costs, and your personal situation. Once our support of your studies has ended, you will pay back your loan.

**Do you think you meet these criteria? Please go to our website to answer the questions in our [support scan](#). You will receive a recommendation that fits your situation. If you are eligible for UAF support, we will explain how to apply and other considerations to bear in mind.**

