

# Questions from the Pre-Departure Event

## 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

This document contains majority of the questions asked by the students who attended the online pre-departure event on 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 2022. The questions are categorized per topic. The questions which were answered during the presentation are also included here as well.

### General questions

- ***Do we get a CI assigned?***
  - Most of our Fontys institute has a CI. You can find the CI of your institute [here](#) on our study abroad website.
- ***Do you also have to submit your back-up minor plan for the Netherlands? Do we have to send it to someone from Fontys, or is it just for yourself?***
  - This is mainly for yourself. However, we advise that you discuss this with your CI so that they are also aware of your Plan B and that they can be aware of your situation.
- ***If we enroll in a Fontys minor as a plan b, is it possible to still de-register last minute before you leave for the minor abroad?***
  - Please ask in advance what their (your choice of Fontys minor's) deadline is for cancelling and meet their deadline.
- ***When are we supposed to get contacted from the university we are going to?***
  - this depends on the partner university. Please be aware that with some partners, responses can be quite delayed.
- ***What if you still have not heard back from the university you are nominated for? Is there anything you can do to reach out to them or should you just wait.***
  - Please be patient. Some universities take long time in responding. If you are worried, you can always ask Study Abroad (for Fontys wide partners) or your CI (for Cluster partner university)
- ***When can I expect an e-mail from the host university?***
  - This depends on the university. We can't tell, as some of them respond right after the nomination and some takes time in responding
- ***When are we supposed to get contacted from the university we are going to?***
  - There is no set date for this. This depends on the university. We can't tell, as some of them respond right after the nomination and some takes time in responding
- ***Is there a deadline for the Learning agreement?***
  - Your learning agreement needs to be approved, signed and uploaded before your departure.
- ***When do they accept or decline the learning agreement? I mean in mobility online, so the learning agreement i have to send in to Fontys?***
  - The exam board of your institute will judge your LA and it can take up to a couple of weeks. Please contact your CI for detailed information.

- ***The mobility online learning agreement. When do this gets accepted of declined?***
  - Please check with your CI what your exam board's requirements are.
- ***Is an internship mandatory? Or is it not required?***
  - This depends on your program. Please contact your school CI for further information.
- ***When do you know if you are allowed to go?***
  - When your host university has accepted your application. However, please note that the colour code for the country of destination might change at the last minute, so come up with a Plan B with your CI.
- ***You can only start with the learning agreement when you have a respond from the university right?***
  - Yes, you can start with your LA as soon as you know you have been accepted by your host university
- ***Who from Fontys can I get a signature from for my learning agreement?***
  - Your Coordinator Internationalisation.

## Accommodation questions

- ***How do I spell the housing site you just recommended?***
  - [Nuffic.nl](https://nuffic.nl) and [wilweg.nl](https://wilweg.nl)

## Visa questions

- ***When can we start taking care of the Visa? Because as long as we don't know anything from the host university it's tricky to start the process?***
  - You can start your VISA application as soon as the host university has accepted your application. you will need a document from the host university for your VISA application
- ***This might be a very specific question, do you guys know if the US Consulate General in Amsterdam still mandates interviews prior to processing the DS-2019 form? I called the consulate a couple months ago and understood that an interview is supposedly no longer mandated unless details are incorrect"***
  - Unfortunately, we cannot confirm this. You must contact the embassy of the country of destination (in this case, Embassy of United States of America) yourself and confirm this information.
- ***Regarding the Visa, do I have to get it from the embassy located in my country of birth or can I do that from the Netherlands.***
  - If the embassy of the country of destination is in the Netherlands, you can contact them here in NL.

## Risk Analysis questions

- ***What happens when the colour of the travel advice of your county turns orange or red during your stay?***
  - The Fontys advice will be to return home for your own safety reasons. Please contact your CI once you notice that the colour code has changed.

## Scholarship questions

- **Can you be eligible for a grant on top of an Erasmus grant?**
  - That is possible. It depends on the conditions of the other grant.
- **When you fill out the Erasmus scholarship application form in mobility online it says you need to fill out details of the sending institution and the receiving institution. Who do you need to contact for this information or do you get it automatically after you have been accepted by the university?**
  - As for the receiving institution, you will get this information from your host university once they accepted you. As for the sending institution you should use the contact information of the CI of Fontys.
- **About the Erasmus + program, you are not allowed at all to commute back and forth even for a job/concert (I'm studying masters of music)?"**
  - Yes this is allowed. You can travel back as much as you like, as long as you have a living address abroad where you have a rental agreement. This is checked for students going to Belgium and Germany.
- **If the host university isn't replying in time, what effect will that have on getting a scholarship?"**
  - For now there is still plenty of time, the deadline for applying is June 30. So you do not have to worry about the scholarship. Also, if the reason for applying late is out of your hands, like in this example, this shall not mean you lose the right to the scholarship.
- **where can i find the information about the sending institution for filling in the erasmus+ scholarship in mobility online?**
  - You can check the Study Abroad website and find the contact information of your CI. They are usually the ones to be filled in there.
- **So you don't get access to the Erasmus scholarship if you don't have the 'aanvullende beurs' but have to lend from DUO**
  - That is not correct. You will get the Erasmus+ scholarship, but not the additional scholarship for the reason of economic circumstance. Also if the health circumstance does not apply in your case, you won't get an additional Erasmus+ scholarship, but you do get the basic Erasmus+ scholarship.
- **A question about the Erasmus+. You need to fill in Mobility Online. But what else do you need to do to get the scholarship?**
  - You can check the Study Abroad website for the Erasmus+ conditions. After applying you get a selection email with details about documents that you will have to upload. Just follow the steps in Mobility Online and you will find out.
- **Where can i find more information about the application process of the Erasmus scholarship?**
  - On the [Study Abroad website](#). The Erasmus Application form is one of the steps in your Mobility Online workflow.

## Mobility Online questions

- **How can we upload the risk analysis in mobility online?**
  - Once you have finished all the mandatory previous steps in Mobility Online, the button "upload risk analysis" will appear, and you can fill out the information necessary.

- ***If I want to choose a course for the learning agreement in mobility online, I can't select anything. How do I know what I need to fill in?***
  - You need to get the information about the courses from your host university
- ***Are the dates from your stay that are shown in Mobility Online already certain?***
  - No, the dates in MO are completed automatically. Please check with your host university what the exact dates are of their semester, and you can change the date by updating your information in MO.