The Brussels School of Governance is the alliance between the Institute for European Studies and Vesalius College.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR MA PROGRAMMES

The Brussels School of Governance may award Academic Excellence Scholarships to students who have achieved outstanding grades in their most recent university degree and whose extra-curricular achievements show evidence of leadership in today’s global society. Other factors include one letter of recommendation from their university and (in certain cases) standardised test scores.

The school’s merit-based financial assistance can provide up to a 50% reduction in tuition. The scholarship will be directly applied to the student’s tuition fees.

Eligibility

➢ Prospective students must possess outstanding academic records and personal integrity, as demonstrated by grades, extra-curricular activities that show social engagement or leadership, standardised test scores (such as TOEFL, IELTS, C2 Proficiency, C1 Advanced, Duolingo English Test, ITACE) and one letter of recommendation (if not already supplied with the Master’s application). The recommendation letter should ideally be from a professor who knows the prospective student well and can comment on his/her academic abilities and suitability for studying one of our Master’s programmes (including his/her academic writing and analytical skills).

➢ Prospective students must have been accepted into a Vesalius College Master’s Programme as a full-time student.

➢ There is a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) required to obtain a scholarship. Vesalius College will also take motivation and extra-curricular activities into consideration. Evidently, better scores and grades, combined with strong motivation and participation in extra-curricular activities will improve one’s chances of acquiring a scholarship.

➢ Citizenship & residency: there are no limitations with regards to citizenship & residency. All applicants will be treated fairly and equally.

Minimum Requirements for the Academic Excellence Scholarship:

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Regardless of where you obtain your undergraduate degree around the globe, if you fulfil the requirements above and have outstanding academic results, you may be able to obtain a scholarship from BSoG.

**Application Procedure for the Academic Excellence Scholarship**

➢ Students accepted into the Master’s programme at the BSoG who would like to be considered for the Academic Excellence Scholarship must submit a separate application form for the Academic Excellence Scholarship (available online).

➢ A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.6/4.0 is required. For more information on minimum GPA, please refer to the ‘Minimum Requirements for AES section of this document.

➢ Academic Excellence Scholarships are administered via the Admissions Office.

**Application Deadlines**

If you wish to be considered for the Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Admissions Office must receive your College application as well as your application form for the Academic Excellence Scholarship by **15 April**. Applicants will be informed of the decision within three weeks after the application deadline.

**Tuition Fee Reduction**

➢ Students who graduated with a BA from our school or have completed a semester or two at our school as part of their study abroad programme qualify for a tuition fee reduction. The BSoG offers a 20% reduction for BSoG alumni as well as former BSoG study abroad students.

➢ Students eligible for the tuition fee reductions may **not combine** the tuition fee reductions with the Academic Excellence Scholarship.

**Contact**

For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at [Vesalius.College.Admissions@vub.be](mailto:Vesalius.College.Admissions@vub.be).