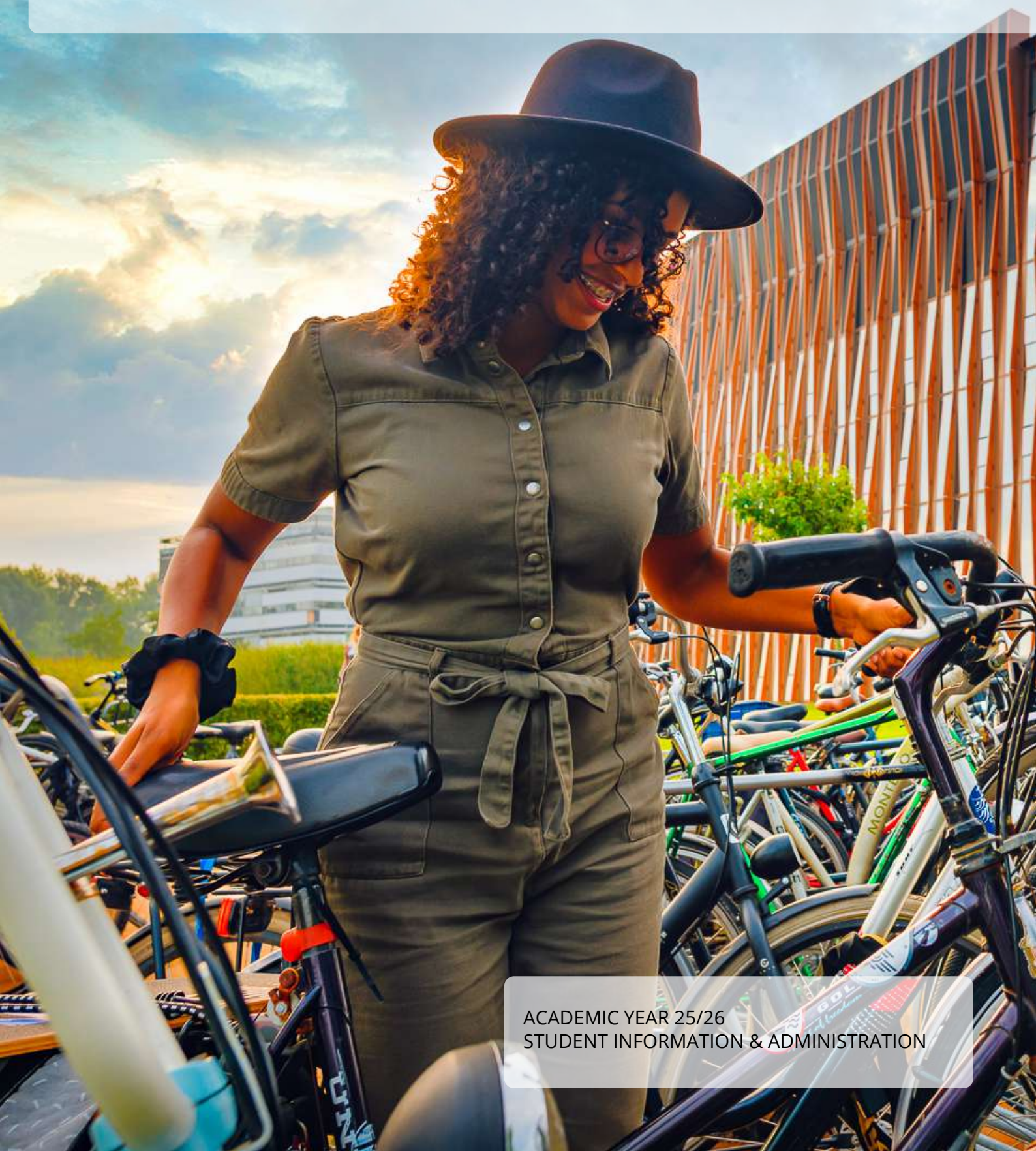


# APPLICATION GUIDE

## FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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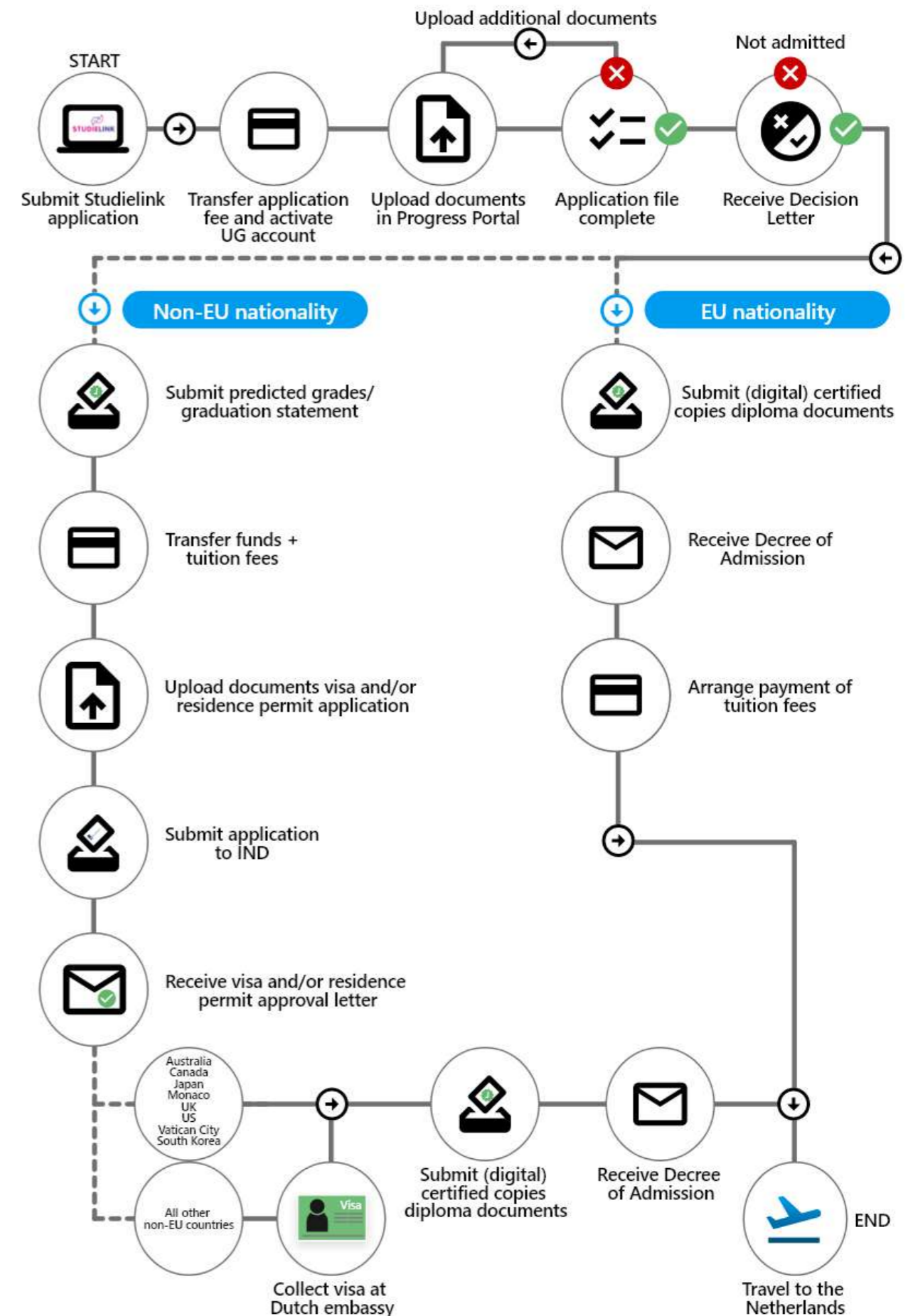
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# 1

Studielink application

## 1.1 Choose study programme

Thank you for your interest in becoming a student at the University of Groningen!

If you want to apply to a programme at the University of Groningen, the first step is to submit your application in Studielink.

### Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes

You can find information on each programme offered by our 11 faculties on our [website](#).

### Application deadlines

You can find the deadlines for our [Bachelor's](#) and [Master's](#) programmes on our website.

## 1.2 Submit application in Studielink

Studielink is the online application and registration service for universities in the Netherlands.

If you already have a Studielink account, make sure to use your existing account - therefore do *not* create a new one - to ensure you have the same student number for all your applications. You can have up to 4 active applications in your Studielink account (including a maximum of 2 fixed-quota programmes). Nationwide you can only apply to one Bachelor's programme in Medicine or Dentistry (Dutch taught).

You will receive an email with your Studielink login details within minutes after creating your Studielink account. Make sure to check your spam folder for this email as well.

[Go to Studielink](#)

## 1.3 Transfer application fee

The University charges a non-refundable application fee of 100 euros for applicants with a non-Dutch diploma. The Admissions Office can only start reviewing your application(s) after this fee has been received on time. If you apply to more than one programme in the same academic year, know that you only need to pay the fee once.

You can read more about the application fee [here](#).

## 1.4 Activating UG account and logging into the Progress Portal

You will receive an email with your student number and instructions to activate your UG account. After activating your account, you will be able to access your Progress Portal to submit your application documents to the Admissions Office. You will find more information on the admissions procedure in the next chapter.

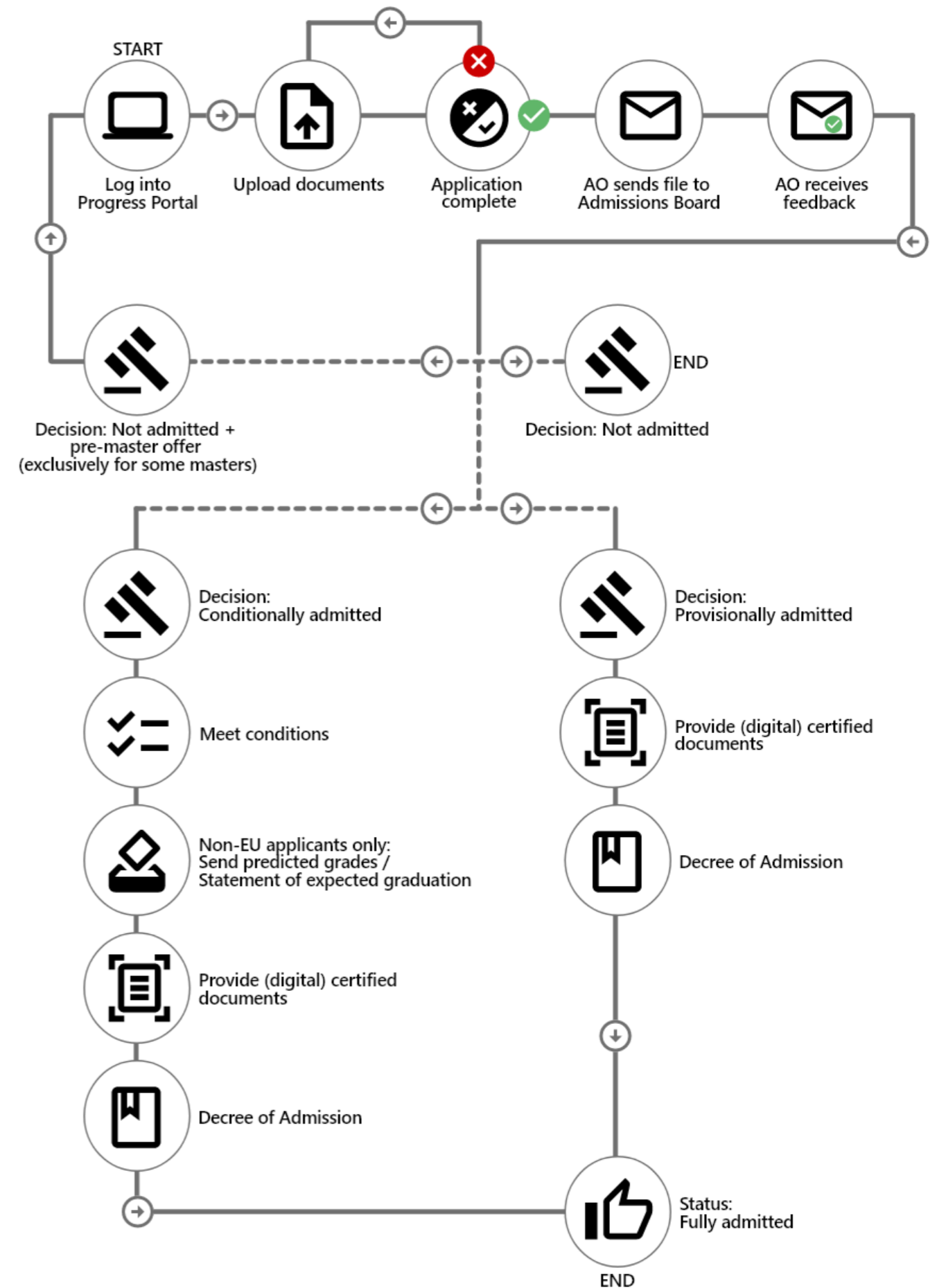
[Go to Progress Portal](#)



# 2

## Admissions procedure

### Steps of the admissions procedure



## 2.1 Bachelor's degree application

### 1. Application in Studielink

New to Studielink and/or new to the UG? After submitting an application in Studielink for the first time, you will receive an email with your student number. This email also includes instructions on how to activate your UG student account and how to access the Progress Portal.

Already have a UG student number? After submitting your new application, you will receive an email directing you to the Progress Portal. If you are applying with a non-Dutch/international diploma, but the email does *not* refer to the Progress Portal, please [contact](#) us.

### 2. Pay the application fee

You will receive a separate email with a payment link to pay the application fee. This link is only valid for a limited time, therefore make sure to pay in time.

Make sure to also check your spam folder for our emails!

### 3. Application in the Progress Portal

Once you have activated your student account, you can access our [Progress Portal](#). If you have a non-Dutch qualification, the Admissions Office (AO) will need to assess whether you are admissible to the programme you applied to.

Follow these two steps to ensure the AO receives your application:

1. Log into the Progress Portal
2. Upload all the requested [application documents](#) before [the deadline](#)
3. Submit your application

Other steps in the portal can be completed at a later point.

If your application remains incomplete when the deadline expires, it will not be processed

### 4. Initial review by the Admissions Office

The AO will review your application to verify whether it contains all required documents and information. If so, your file will be complete. If anything is missing, we will notify you by email to upload additional and/or amended documents through the Portal.

### 5. Assessment by the Admissions Board

The Admissions Board will determine whether you meet our general entry requirement — that is, whether the level of your diploma(s) is at least equivalent to a Dutch pre-university diploma (VWO).

Should your programme also have any subject-specific requirements, the Admissions Board will assess if you meet these additional requirements. A list of VWO-equivalent qualifications and its subject-specific requirements can be found [here](#).

### 6. Admissions Office issues decision letter

Once the Admissions Board notifies us of their decision on your application, you will receive your decision letter from us by email. This letter will state whether you are admissible, and if so, any conditions you will need to meet as well as the certified documents you will need to send us. You can also find your deadline in this letter.

### 7. Meet your conditions and provide your certified documents

To be admitted to the programme, you must fulfill all the conditions outlined in your decision letter by the deadline and you are required to provide proof of meeting these conditions in the form of certified documents before the deadline.

## 2.2 Certified documents (Bachelor's)

### Certified (digital) copies

All applicants need to send us certified (digital) copies of their diploma documents. Your decision letter will outline the documents that you will need to send to the AO. It is important that your documents are correctly and sufficiently certified, and sent through the correct channels. All you need to know about certified documents, certification and how to send the documents can be found on [this page](#).

### Non-EU applicants with a conditional offer

If you have a non-EU nationality and receive a conditional offer from us, you will need to meet your conditions before 1 July, as an earlier deadline applies due to the [Visa/Residence Permit application procedure](#). If you are unable to meet your conditions before 1 July, you must follow the steps described on the next page.

### Fixed-quota applicants

If you have an EU nationality and have applied to a [fixed-quota programme](#), you will need to meet your conditions and send your certified documents before 15 July. If you cannot meet that deadline, you must submit an official postponement request through [this online form](#) before 15 July.

[Irish Leaving Certificate results](#): Automatic postponement until September 1st.

### Graduation statement

If your final diploma documents are issued after the start of the academic year, we will first need to receive a school-issued certified graduation statement (in Dutch or English) by email or post (see [certified copies](#) page).

In this case, your enrolment will be completed on the basis of that certified statement. Do keep in mind that your admission will be provisional until we have received certified copies of your final diploma documents. If you fail to provide these documents as soon as they are available to you, the AO will notify the faculty, who will decide on the consequences for your enrolment.

### 8. Admissions Office issues decree of Admission

When you have met your conditions in time and submitted all the required certified documents, you will receive your Decree of Admission. This document confirms that you have fulfilled all admission requirements and is necessary to complete your **enrolment**.

You can find the remaining steps to becoming fully enrolled in your Progress Portal.

## 2.3 Predicted grades procedure (Bachelor's)

If you have a non-EU nationality, the university will need to apply for your visa and/or residence permit on your behalf. This is handled by the Immigration Service Desk (ISD), who will start this procedure once you have met all conditions of admission before 1 July. This earlier deadline is in place to ensure that there is enough time for your visa and/or residence permit application to be processed before the start of the academic year. Make sure to follow the [ISD's instructions](#) and submit your immigration application documents in time.

If you graduate close to / after the 1 July deadline, you will need to follow the steps below:

### STEP 1: Predicted Grades

Have your school send us a certified statement confirming that you are expected to meet all the conditions of your admission (template below). The document must be filled out by your educational institution and sent to [certdocs@rug.nl](mailto:certdocs@rug.nl) directly by a school official, from an official school email address. The email must specify your UG student number, full name and confirm it relates to a predicted grades statement.

*Any other conditions of admission – such as language tests and any subject-specific requirements – must still be fulfilled and proved before 1 July.*

### STEP 2: Certified documents

You must still submit certified copies of your final diploma documents before the start of the academic year.

#### Fixed-quota programmes

The deadline for fixed-quota programmes is **15 July**. If you cannot send the required certified documents before this deadline, you will need to request a postponement via [this form](#) before **15 July**.

Your admission will be provisional until we have received the requested certified copies. If you fail to provide these documents as soon as they are available to you, the AO will notify the faculty, who will decide on the consequences for your enrolment.

#### Graduated, but your diploma is issued after the start of your programme?

If your final diploma documents are not issued until after the start of your programme, we will first need to receive a [certified copy](#) of your official provisional results statement(s) or a school-issued graduation statement before the deadline (see decision letter). You can find a template below.

*If you do not meet the conditions of your admission, or if we do not receive the certified copies of the requested documents, before the start of the academic year, your application will not be completed and the ISD will cancel your visa and/or residence permit.*

[Download template Predicted Grades statement](#)

[Download template Graduation statement](#)



## 2.4 Master's degree application

### 1. Application in Studielink

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Already have a UG student number? After submitting your new application, you will receive an email directing you to the Progress Portal. If you are applying with a non-Dutch/international diploma, but the email does not refer to the Progress Portal, please [contact](#) us.

### 2. Pay the application fee

You will receive a separate email with a payment link to pay the application fee. This link is only valid for a limited time, therefore make sure to pay in time.

Make sure to also check your spam folder for our emails!

### 3. Application in the Progress Portal

Once you have activated your student account, you can access our [Progress Portal](#). If you have a non-Dutch qualification, the Admissions Office (AO) will need to assess whether you are admissible to the programme you applied to.

Follow these two steps to ensure the AO receives your application:

1. Log into the Progress Portal
2. Upload all the requested [application documents](#) before [the deadline](#)
3. Submit your application

Other steps in the portal can be completed at a later point.

If your application remains incomplete when the deadline expires, it will not be processed.

### 4. Initial review by the Admissions Office

The AO will review your application to verify whether it contains all required documents and information. If so, your file will be complete. If anything is missing, we will notify you by email to upload additional and/or amended documents through the Portal.

### 5. Assessment by the Admissions Board

The Admissions Board will assess whether your educational background is sufficient and if you meet the subject-specific requirements of the programme. Depending on the level and content of your Bachelor's degree, you may be offered a Pre-Master programme. Do keep in mind that this is assessed on a case-by-case basis and depends on the faculty and the programme.

### 6. Admissions Office issues decision letter

Once the Admissions Board notifies us of their decision, you will receive your decision letter from us by email. This letter will state whether you are admissible and, if so, outline any conditions, certified documents to be provided and your deadline.

### 7. Meet your conditions and provide your certified documents

If your educational background is equivalent to a Dutch WO Bachelor, you will receive a provisional or conditional letter with an offer for admission. If you have been conditionally admitted, you will need to fulfil the conditions in your letter before the deadline. These are, generally, submitting a sufficient and accepted English proficiency test and completing your Bachelor's degree.

## 2.5 Certified documents (Master's)

### Certified (digital) copies

All applicants need to send us certified (digital) copies of their diploma documents. Your decision letter will outline the documents that you will need to send to the AO. It is important that your documents are correctly and sufficiently certified, and sent through the correct channels. All you need to know about certified documents, certification and how to send the documents can be found on [this page](#).

### Non-EU applicants with a conditional offer

In order for the university's Immigration Service Desk (ISD) to apply for a visa and/or residence permit on your behalf, you will need to be (provisionally) admitted, as the deadlines to meet your conditions of admission are tied to the ISD's [Visa/Residence Permit application](#) procedure. If you are conditionally admitted pending graduation, you will need to send proof of graduation to the AO by email as soon as you graduate. You can either email your degree certificate and official final transcripts or a scan of your official statement of (expected) graduation.

### Graduation statement

If your final diploma documents are issued after the start of your programme, we will need to receive a [certified graduation statement](#) (in Dutch or English) from your educational institution by email or post.

In this case, your enrolment will be completed on the basis of that certified statement.

### 8. Admissions Office issues decree of admission

When you have met your conditions in time and submitted all the required certified documents, you will receive your Decree of Admission. This document confirms that you have fulfilled all admission requirements and is necessary to complete your **enrolment**.

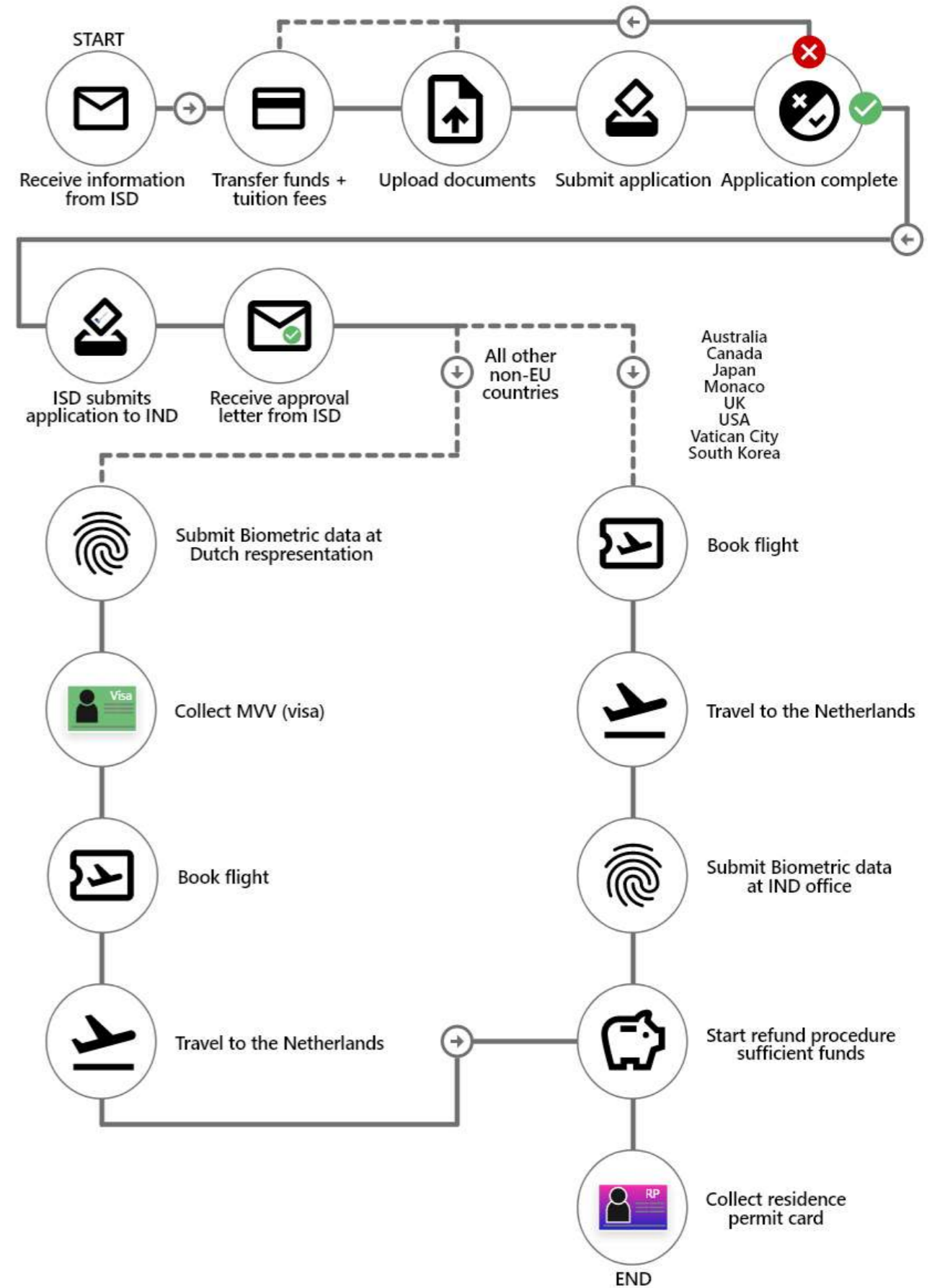
You can find the remaining steps to becoming fully enrolled in your Progress Portal.



# 3

## Immigration procedure

### Steps of the immigration procedure





### 3.1 Immigration procedures

#### 1. Students from an EU/EEA country

You do not need a visa or residence permit! You can skip this chapter and move to chapter 4!

#### 2. Students from Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New- Zealand, South Korea, UK, USA and Vatican City.

If you have the nationality of one of the abovementioned countries, you will (only) need a Dutch residence permit in order to study in the Netherlands. If you already have a Dutch residence permit, go to point 4 and 5.

#### 3. Students from all other non-EU countries

Non-EU students with a nationality other than those mentioned in section 2 will need a visa and residence permit in order to study in the Netherlands.

Exception: if you already have a residence permit in another EU country that is valid until the start date of your programme, you will only need a Dutch residence permit.

#### 4. Students with a Dutch residence permit for the purpose of study

Do you already have a valid Dutch residence permit for the purpose of study from another educational institution in the Netherlands? The University of Groningen (UG) can become the new recognised sponsor of your residence permit for the purpose of study.

#### 5. Students with a Dutch residence permit for a purpose *other than study*

- If you wish to change the purpose of your residence permit to the purpose of study, you can apply for a Change of Purpose.
- If you do not wish to change the purpose of your residence permit to study, you will need to submit a colour scan of the front and back of your residence permit.

Check out our video on the immigration procedure!



### 3.2 Requirements

	Visa & residence permit	Residence permit	Change of Guarantor	Change of Purpose	Extension
<b>Documents</b>					
Copy of valid passport	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Antecedents Certificate	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
EU residence permit	Optional	Optional			
Dutch residence permit			Required	Required	Required
<b>Finances</b>					
<b>IND application fee</b>					
Transfer + transfer receipt	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Loan/scholarship letter*					
Dutch bank statement*					
<b>Proof of sufficient funds</b>					
Transfer + transfer receipt	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	
Loan/scholarship letter	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	
Dutch bank statement			Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	
<b>Tuition fees</b>					
Transfer**	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Required
Loan/scholarship letter*	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	
Dutch bank statement*			Must choose one or a combination of available options	Must choose one or a combination of available options	

■ Required  
■ Optional  
■ Must choose one or a combination of available options

\* Your payment deadline will be postponed. All fees have to be paid before the start of your programme. Do note that non-Dutch bank statements are not accepted.

\*\* The Central Student Administration has to receive your full tuition fees transfer before the application deadline. Paying in instalments is only possible for an extension application.

### 3.3 Application documents

#### Deadlines

You can find the application deadlines [here](#). If you start your studies in September, you will receive information about your visa and/or residence permit application in April. If you start your studies in February, you will receive this information in October.

#### Documents

##### Scan of your valid passport

- Scan must be in colour
- Include all pages containing visas and/or stamps
- Holder's signature page
- Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the starting date of your programme

##### Signed Antecedents Certificate

By signing the Antecedents Certificate you declare that you do not have a criminal record. You will receive the Antecedents Certificate from the Immigration Service Desk (ISD). Documents about not having a criminal record from your home country are not accepted.

##### Transfer receipt

Transfer receipt for the transfer of the Immigration and Naturalisation Services (IND) application fee and proof of sufficient funds (explanation below).

##### Scan of your valid EU residence permit\*

- Scan must be in colour
- Scan of front and back

##### Scan of your valid Dutch residence permit

- Scan must be in colour
- Scan of front and back

\* If you are currently in the process of applying for a (re)new(ed) EU residence permit, please note that this can only be taken into account if you have already received your residence permit card. Approval letters or other statements are not accepted.

##### Sufficient admission status

You receive information from the ISD once you have been (conditionally) admitted.

The ISD will only apply for your visa and/or residence permit if you have been (provisionally) admitted. It is therefore important to ensure you meet the requirements of the Admissions Office, as stated in your decision letter, before the deadline.

#### Important: Modern Migration Policy (MoMi)

Students with a residence permit for the purpose of study need to obtain at least 50% of the nominal ECs per academic year in order to keep their residence permit valid. You can find more information about the MoMi procedure [here](#).

### 3.4 Finances

For your visa and/or residence permit application you will need to make 2 transfers. The tuition fees must be transferred separately from the IND application fee and the proof of sufficient funds:

#### Transfer 1: Tuition fees to Central Student Administration

You will receive an email from the Central Student Administration (CSA) with information on how to pay your [tuition fees](#).

#### Transfer 2: IND application fee and proof of sufficient funds to ISD

You will be asked to transfer an application fee. This application fee will be paid to the IND for processing your application.

We will also ask you to transfer [proof of sufficient funds](#). This amount will be refunded to you once you have arrived in the Netherlands and have opened your Dutch bank account. If you decide to withdraw your application you can receive the refund in the bank account the transfer was initially made from.

#### Other ways to prove finances:

- Scholarship or loan letter
- Dutch bank statement

You can find more information about other ways to prove finances [here](#).



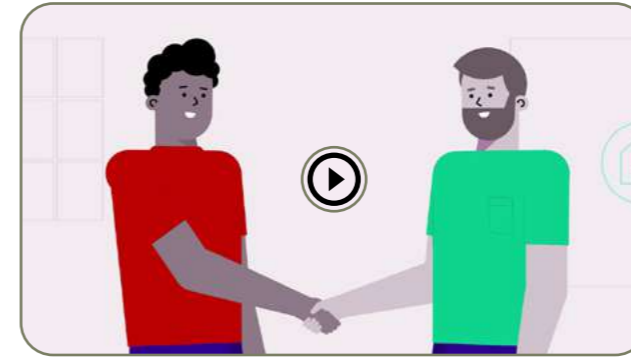


# 4

## Arrange housing

### Arrange housing

The University of Groningen (UG) is not a campus university and therefore does not offer accommodation for students. It is your own responsibility to find somewhere to live. Please do not underestimate the challenge of finding accommodation, as it can be a long and stressful process.



*UG video on finding accommodation*



*Video on finding accommodation in the Netherlands in general*

#### SSH Student housing

If you are coming to Groningen for the first time, and you apply on time, you can rent one of the rooms the UG has reserved for new international students with SSH Student Housing. SSH is a non-profit housing corporation specialised in student accommodation, with furnished rooms available for a maximum of one year. It is important to know you have to be (conditionally) admitted to the study programme of your choice before you can apply for SSH student housing.

Students of [University College Groningen](#) or [University College Fryslân](#) do have residential housing with their classmates, for one or more years (depending on the programme). For more information, contact the faculty.

#### Private housing

Accommodation in the city is in high demand, so be prepared to also look outside Groningen. There are several ways to find private accommodation in the city. We have worked with the Groningen Municipality and Hanze University of Applied Sciences to create a website called At Home In Groningen (AHIG), which offers student rooms with reliable landlords that have been screened by the municipality and provides additional information about living in Groningen.

Another option is to search for a room on [Hospi](#)

[Housing](#), which connects students with verified local hosts and guest families. The platform allows you to search for accommodation and contact hosts for free, but charges a one-time fee once you have found a room.

We urge you to be aware that there are untrustworthy landlords and unreliable room rental agencies out there. Click the link below for tips on looking for accommodation.

#### Cannot find housing?

Make sure that you have found a room before August 1st if you will be starting your studies in Groningen in September. If you decide to come to Groningen (or Leeuwarden) without pre-arranged housing, then you are highly likely to find yourself in hotels or hostels, provided there is still space. This will involve high costs, inconvenience and stress. This will likely last for a long period of time, probably months after your arrival. If you find a house outside of the city, then make sure you consider the potential extra travel time and travel costs.

**If you have not found accommodation before August 1st, we strongly advise you not to come to Groningen.**

[Visit the UG Accommodation page](#)  
[Visit the SSH website](#)  
[Visit AthomeinGroningen](#)



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# 5

## Registration

### 5. Registration

**Central Student Administration**  
The Central Student Administration (CSA) handles all administrative matters involved in getting you enrolled.

#### How to complete your registration and finalise your enrolment

After you receive your (conditional) offer letter from the Admissions Office (AO), there are a few steps you need to complete to become enrolled in your programme. During the application process you can check the status of your application in the [Progress Portal](#). Do keep in mind that you will first need to activate your [student account](#) to be able to log into your Progress Portal.

You can access the Progress Portal through the UG Student Portal. Go to the UG Tools menu and select Grades and Enrolment. Once you are in the Progress Portal, you can find an overview of your active applications in the section Enrolment applications. This overview shows the current status for each step and what you need to do to complete it. If you have submitted multiple applications, the steps to be completed may vary per application, so always thoroughly check the name of the programme in the overview!

You will have successfully completed a step when the accompanying box displays a green tick. If the box is empty, you will see an upload option or question to complete the step, or we are still processing your information.

#### Paying your tuition fees

You must have arranged the payment of your tuition fees before the start of your programme. The height of your tuition fees depends on various factors. For more information on the types of tuition fees, the requirements and payment methods, check [this page](#).

#### Processing your admission documents

When you meet all conditions of your admission and have provided the required certified documents to the AO, you will receive

your Decree of Admission. This document will also be sent to the CSA for further processing. As soon as the CSA has processed your decree, the entry requirements box in the

Progress Portal will be ticked, meaning that you have completed that step.

#### Selection and placement (Bachelor's programmes only)

Some Bachelor's programmes have a fixed quota, which means places are allocated through a selection process. There are two types of selection: unweighted lottery or selection based on qualitative selection criteria. For information on fixed-quota programmes, the selection process of the various programmes and deadlines, we refer to our [selection page](#).

The ranking is announced on 15 April and, if you are offered a place, you have two weeks to accept it. If you are not offered a place immediately, you might still be offered a place at a later stage, as the placement process continues until the start of the programme. The selection and placement process has a set timeline with various deadlines that you need to keep an eye on.

The selection and admissions processes are two different procedures. The selection process is dealt with by each faculty's Selection Board, while the admissions process is dealt with by the central Admissions Office. You need to successfully complete *both* procedures to be admitted to the programme.

#### Matching (Bachelor's programmes)

If the programme of your choice does not have a selection procedure, you might need to participate in the [matching procedure](#). For some programmes matching is compulsory, meaning that you will need to complete the matching activities before you are allowed to start the programme. While your participation is mandatory, the results of the matching procedure (whether or not you and the programme are a match) are not binding.

## 5.1 After you are fully enrolled

### Student card

Once your registration is completed and you have [uploaded a photo](#) in the Student Portal, your UG student card will be ready within a few weeks. If you have a Dutch correspondence address, the card will be sent there. If you do not have a Dutch correspondence address (yet), you will receive an email when your card is ready to be picked up at [Student Information and Administration \(SIA\)](#). You will need to [schedule an appointment](#) to pick up your student card.

### Statement of enrolment

You will automatically receive your statement of enrolment by email within two working days after your registration is official. You can also download this statement using the UG tools in the Student Portal.

### Statement of paid fees

When you are fully enrolled, you can request a [statement of paid tuition fees](#).

### Binding Study Advice (Bachelor only)

Bachelor's students need to obtain a minimum amount of credits during their first year to be allowed to continue their studies. The minimum amount is 45 ECs\*. Students who earn fewer ECs this first year will receive a negative [Binding Study Advice](#) and will have to leave their programme.

\* University College (UCG and UCF) students will receive a negative Binding Study Advice if they earn fewer than 60 ECs by the end of the first year.

### Dutch healthcare system

At the University of Groningen, your well-being is our priority. Ensuring you meet the legal health insurance requirement is important. We recommend proactively securing coverage from a recognised insurer *before* leaving your home country, because you are not automatically enrolled in the Dutch healthcare system. Comprehensive insurance that covers medical care and medication costs is essential. Watch our animation video and browse our [dedicated webpage](#) for detailed info on the Dutch healthcare system.

The Student Information and Administration department has two FAQ pages for quick answers to our most commonly asked questions. The SIA FAQ is focused on information about administrative matters regarding your programme, about registering, re-registering or de-registering, tuition fees, your university card, etc. We also have an FAQ specifically aimed at matters related to immigration.



Dutch Healthcare System

## 5.2 Contact details & FAQ

The Student Information and Administration (SIA) department has a Frequently Asked Questions page for quick answers to our most commonly asked questions. The SIA FAQ is focused on information about administrative matters regarding your study programme, such as how to register or deregister, information about your tuition fees, your university card, how to request a statement, etc.

FAQ SIA

FAQ Immigration



### Contact details

If you still have questions about the application procedure after reading this guide, you can contact SIA. You can reach us by email, telephone or you can visit the SIA desks at the Academy Building.

You can find our contact details [here](#).

### Studying with special needs or extraordinary circumstances

Some students may need additional study support such as exam facilities, because they expect to experience barriers due to a functional impairment/disability (such as dyslexia, AD(H)D, ASD), illness or other extraordinary circumstances (such as studying as a parent, with a care-taker's role or as a top athlete). If this applies to you, we recommend visiting our website about [studying with special needs](#) (made by the [Student Service Centre](#)) to learn more about your options, so that you can take timely action, where necessary.



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# 6

After arrival

## After arrival

START



Arrange health insurance (*before arrival*)



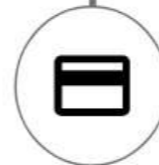
Arrive in the Netherlands



Travel to Groningen



Registration with the municipality



Opening a Dutch bank account



Collect University card



Collect residence permit card (non-EU only)



Undergo TB-examination (certain non-EU nationalities only)

END

## 6.1 What to arrange after your arrival

### Registering with the municipality

When you move to the Netherlands, you are required to register your address with your new municipality ([Groningen](#), [Leeuwarden](#) or elsewhere) within 5 days after arriving in the Netherlands. The municipality will ask you to submit documents such as a rental agreement. You can find an overview of all required documents on the relevant municipality website.

### Opening a Dutch bank account

If you are not a member of an EU/EEA country that uses the SEPA (Single Euro Payments Area) system, we recommend opening a [Dutch bank account](#) to manage your day-to-day finances during your stay in the Netherlands. On our webpage you can find more information about opening a bank account. With most Dutch banks you will need a Burgerservicenummer (BSN, Dutch social security number) in order to open a bank account. You can choose a bank of your preference.

### Refund sufficient funds (non-EU students only)

If you have transferred sufficient funds to the Immigration Service Desk (ISD) for your residence permit application you will receive a personal link to start the refund procedure. Depending on the starting date of your programme, you will receive an email from the ISD in the first week of September or February.

Keep in mind that it will take approximately two weeks for your money to be refunded to your Dutch bank account. Make sure that you have enough money with you for the first weeks/month in the Netherlands.

### Collecting your student card

You will receive the student card only once. The card remains valid throughout your entire study career. Your student card will expire when you deregister. If you have a Dutch address, the card will be sent there. If no Dutch address is registered in our system, your card will be sent to the Central Student

Administration (CSA). You will receive an email when you can pick it up. You can find more information [here](#).

### Collecting your residence permit card (non-EU students only)

As soon as your residence permit is ready, the Immigration and Naturalisation Services (IND) will notify the ISD. The ISD will then inform you when and where you can collect your residence permit card.

If your residence permit card is ready, you will receive an email invitation in order to schedule an appointment to collect it. If you have not received a status update from us yet, please wait until we contact you with a status update.



## 6.2 Study progress monitoring

### What is the difference between Binding Study Advice (BSA) and MoMi?

All first-year Bachelor's students have to meet the BSA requirements in order to be allowed to continue their study programme the next academic year. For non-EU students, the MoMi policy is an additional requirement. It requires the student to obtain a minimum amount of ECs in order to not have their study permit cancelled. In case a non-EU student does meet the MoMi requirements, but not the BSA requirements, the student would be allowed to stay at the UG to study. However, they would have to choose another Bachelor's programme for the next academic year, as continuing the same programme would not be allowed for two consecutive academic years following the BSA regulations.

### Binding Study Advice (Bachelor's)

Bachelor's students at the UG need to obtain a minimum amount of credits during their first year in order to be allowed to continue their studies. The minimum amount is 45 ECs\*. Students who earn fewer ECs in their first year will receive a negative [Binding Study Advice](#) and will have to leave their programme.

\* Studying at University College Groningen or Global Responsibility and Leadership at University College Fryslân? You need to obtain 60 ECs in your first year to avoid a negative BSA.

### Non-EU students: Study progress monitoring (MoMi)

Your study progress will influence your right to a residence permit. Students doing a

Bachelor's or Master's at the UG with a residence permit with a purpose of study must obtain sufficient ECs each academic year to retain their residence permit. If you obtain sufficient ECs (at least 50%) in the academic year, you can retain your residence permit. If you have not obtained enough ECs at the end of the academic year and do not have an excusable reason, the university's ISD will notify the national IND and your residence permit will be cancelled.

### How many ECs do I need to obtain?

Most students need to obtain 50%, but this is not the case for all students. Check your requirements with your study advisor or in your Student Portal.

For more information about MoMi, check this [page](#).





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