

# SIDS Fellowships

The SIDS programme is a unique fellowship programme aimed at water professionals from small island developing states. Fellowships are available for MSc Programmes starting in 2020 and 2021. Candidates apply for academic admission before 15 June 2020.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands has made available a total of 24 fellowships for MSc Programmes at IHE Delft starting in 2020 and 2021.

To increase the relevance for SIDS specific challenges, and to stimulate cooperation between professionals from the different disciplines offered by IHE Delft, the scholarship students will participate in a number of additional SIDS-dedicated activities.

To further strengthen networks of SIDS water professionals, the Ministry will also support three workshops to be organised in SIDS regions, with 20 fellowships each.

## Eligibility criteria

- Academic admission (see "admission requirements" at our [FAQ](#)) to Delft-based IHE Delft MSc Programmes, starting in October 2020
  - Application for admission submitted before **15 June 2020**
  - 'Letter of Motivation and Vision on the main water-related challenges to achieve the SDGs in the Applicant's Country' submitted at application for admission ([template](#))
- SIDS fellowships will be provided to candidates who are a national of, and work and/or live in, one of the following eligible ODA SIDS countries:
- The **AIMS** (Africa, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean and South China Sea): Cabo Verde, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Mauritius, Sao Tome & Principe.
  - The **Caribbean**: Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname.
  - The **Pacific**: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated State of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

## SIDS fellowship covers

The fellowship covers:

- total tuition fee for the MSc programme
- health insurance, cost of visa/residence permit for the Netherlands and a monthly allowance of EUR 970 per month from the start till the end date to the programme (not exceeding 18 months)
- one return plane ticket (economy class) from candidate's home country to and from the Netherlands.

Depending on the research topic of the candidate, a limited amount of financial support may be provided for field data collection during the MSc research phase.

## How to apply

Interested candidates from eligible ODA SIDS countries (see eligibility), who meet IHE's admission criteria, are advised to apply for admission and fellowship as soon as possible. You can apply online, via the [education section of the IHE website](#). Please note that only Delft-based MSc specializations are eligible to apply for the SIDS fellowships.

Once you have chosen the programme and the specialization, you will find, in the right upper corner, a link to apply online. At your online application for admission, you will be requested to upload a motivation letter in which you state why you are applying for a SIDS fellowship and why, following the specific programme, this helps you or your organization to address future water challenges related to achieving the SDGs in your country, or region.

When you complete the online application form for admission, choose at question "How do you intend to pay the costs of your study and other expenses": "scholarship". All applicants from the eligible countries, who have chosen "scholarship", who have uploaded their motivation and who have submitted their application before 15th June and meet the IHE academic and English admission requirements will be taken part in the scholarship selection. Please note that only Delft-based MSc specializations are eligible to apply for the SIDS fellowships.

To be considered for the SIDS fellowship for the October 2020 intake, you must apply for admission to an MSc programme before 15 June 2020. All candidates will be informed before 15 July 2020 about the outcome of their application for scholarship.

## Selection criteria

- Academic Qualifications
- Quality of the motivation/vision letter and recommendation letters
- Gender (female candidates will be prioritised)
- Distribution among countries (when a final list of prospective participants is available, IHE Delft will assign fellowships as equitably/equally as possible between the countries eligible for the fellowships).

## More information

More information can be found on:

[www.un-ihe.org/news/ihe-delft-granted-new-funding-sids-and-mena-capacity-development-programmes](http://www.un-ihe.org/news/ihe-delft-granted-new-funding-sids-and-mena-capacity-development-programmes)

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