

### Orange Tulip Scholarship launched in South Africa

**Talented and ambitious South Africans who aim to study in the Netherlands are now invited to apply for the Orange Tulip Scholarship programme. The scholarships support students and young professionals in realizing their potential. This programme has been set up by Nuffic Neso South Africa together with Dutch Higher Education Institutions.**

Seventeen education institutions from the Netherlands contribute to the Orange Tulip Scholarship (OTS) providing 52 individual scholarships for South African applicants with a total value of more than 9 million Rand. The scholarships are available for pathway, Bachelor's and Master's programmes, in a variety of academic subjects. Since most scholarships are partial the Orange Tulip Scholarship recipients will also have to contribute themselves.

Mervin Bakker, Regional Director of Nuffic Neso South Africa said: "We are very glad that we can launch the Orange Tulip Scholarship programme for the first time in South Africa as we think Dutch higher education has a lot to offer to South African students. First of all, the available scholarships will provide awardees with the opportunity to study in a world-class higher education system. Secondly, Dutch universities are truly international in terms of staff, students and their curricula, thus preparing students for the competitive global working place. Furthermore, the Netherlands offers high quality of living in a safe and tolerant country. Finally, I hope that South African graduates from this programme will be able to contribute to the further development of their country and that as alumni they will be ambassadors for both South Africa and the Netherlands."

#### Information and application

The Orange Tulip Scholarship programme offers scholarships for South African nationals or permanent residents. Interested candidates have to apply to their Dutch institution(s) of choice for admission as well as to Nuffic Neso South Africa for the Orange Tulip Scholarship. More information on participating institutions, programmes, funding structure, procedures and deadlines can be found at [www.nesosouthafrica.org/ots](http://www.nesosouthafrica.org/ots).

#### Nuffic Neso South Africa

The Netherlands Education Support Office (Nuffic Neso South Africa) is a non-profit organization funded by the Dutch Ministry of Education. Nuffic Neso South Africa is a representative office of Nuffic, the Dutch organisation for internationalisation in education. Neso is the official representative in South Africa for all matters concerning Dutch higher education and promotes and provides information on more than 2100 study programs taught in English in the Netherlands. Neso also initiates and facilitates institutional cooperation between Indonesian and Dutch universities and works together with South Africa on capacity development through the Orange Knowledge Programme.

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