

## MASTER IN – WBI GRANTS

### APPLICATION GUIDE

Wallonia-Brussels International (WBI) offers Master's grants (Master 60 or 120) to international students holding at least a Bachelor's degree obtained from a foreign institution recognised by the higher education authorities in the applicant's country. The Master's degree must be completed in Wallonia or Brussels within a higher education institution recognised by the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.

#### **Application procedure**

**STEP 1** Check whether the [Wallonia-Brussels Federation institution](#) of your choice participates in the Master IN - WBI grant programme.

**STEP 2** Submit an application for admission to the host higher education institution, in accordance with the procedures specific to that institution. Your application for admission to a Master's programme at a university will be given a reference number, which must be included on the [application form](#). In all other cases (university colleges and schools of arts), no number is required.

**STEP 3** Send your application form for the Master IN - WBI scholarship to the target institution. If it is a university, indicate the reference number of your admission file.

**STEP 4** The host institution pre-selects the eligible applications.

**STEP 5** Its ranking is forwarded to Wallonia-Brussels International, which makes the final selection on the basis of defined criteria.

**STEP 6** The results are communicated by Wallonia-Brussels International to the host higher education institution by **15 May at the latest**.

**STEP 7** The applicant is informed of the follow-up given to his/her application by the host higher education institution.

All stays must begin in the calendar year of the selection. No postponements will be possible.

To find the contact person at the international relations office of the relevant higher education institution, please visit: <https://www.studyinbelgium.be/fr/etablisements-denseignement-superieur-daccueil-bourse-master-wbi> or [www.wbi.be](http://www.wbi.be).

#### **Documents to be attached to the application form for the Master IN – WBI grants.**

- Copy of the international passport or national identity card.



- A one-page curriculum vitae (if applicable, include your publications, previous grants, etc.).
- A motivation letter of maximum 2,500 words written in French or English, depending on the language of the chosen Master's programme.
- Copy of the obtained diploma(s) and transcript of grades; if written in a language other than French or English, it must be accompanied by a certified translation.
- Declaration signed by the candidate (see application form).

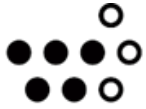
### **Eligibility conditions for the Master IN – WBI grants.**

- Any applicant who meets the necessary and sufficient conditions for applying for admission to the host higher education institution may apply, regardless of nationality.
- Applicants must indicate on their application form the reference number of the admission file that will be sent to them by the higher education institution. NB: This file number does not mean that admission has been finalised.
- Applicants who have studied in the following countries/regions: Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, South Korea, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tunisia, United Kingdom and USA are given priority.
- Any field of study is taken into consideration.
- The applicant holds a 1st or 2nd cycle degree that is sufficient to gain access to the Master's programme chosen and meets the entry requirements.
- The applicant holds a 1st or 2nd cycle degree awarded by an institution whose studies or training are recognised by the competent higher education authorities in the applicant's country of origin.
- The last 1st or 2nd cycle degree obtained in the country of origin must have been awarded no more than 5 years before the start of the study programme applied for.
- Applications that meet the eligibility criteria of the [ARES development cooperation grants programme are excluded](#).
- The grant application form and the [documents to be attached](#) to this form must be sent to the higher education institution concerned by midnight (Brussels time) **on 31 March at the latest** for the coming academic year.
- The subject of the e-mail sending the application must be: "MASTER IN - WBI grants - Name and surname of the applicant".
- Incomplete applications will not be submitted to the selection committee.

### **Selection Modalities**

The selection is carried out initially by the host higher education institution based on criteria established by it. Its ranking is transmitted to Wallonia-Brussels International, which makes the final selection based on defined criteria.

Results are communicated to the host higher education institution no later than **May 15, 2025**.



The applicant is informed of the follow-up given to his/her application by the host higher education institution.

All stays must begin in the calendar year of selection. No postponement will be possible.

If the student is not awarded the grant and therefore decides not to pursue his/her application for admission to the host institution, the application fees incurred will not be reimbursed.

### **Financial Modalities**

The financial support will be paid according to the rules in force and the following terms and conditions:

The amount of the grant is 10,000 euros to be paid in 3 instalments into a bank account denominated in euros:

- the first instalment of 5,000 euros will be paid in September 2025, provided that the declaration of arrival has been submitted;
- the second instalment of a maximum of 2,500 euros will be paid in February 2026 on the basis of proof of payment of the first instalment and submission of the transcript of marks for the January session;
- the balance will be paid in July 2026 if the first session is successful, or in September 2026 if the second session is successful, on the basis of proof of payment of the full amount of the scholarship, submission of the transcript(s) of marks, submission of the report on the stay and the testimonial.

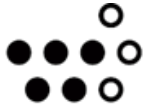
This package may cover: admission fees, tuition fees, learning materials including dissertation fees, the purchase of syllabi and books, computer consumables, school supplies, etc., international transportation costs up to one round-trip economy class during the programme, installation costs including the purchase of household materials up to a maximum of 125 euros, local travel expenses related to studies and/or housing costs with a ceiling of 400 euros per month without rental guarantee.

Beneficiaries of financial support will pay the same tuition fees as Belgian and European students.

Financial support is granted for one academic year:

- In the case of a Master 60, financial support is granted for a maximum of one year.
- In the case of a Master 120, financial support is granted for a maximum of two years, i.e., 1 grant of maximum 10,000 euros per academic year, provided that a minimum of 54 credits at the end of the first year is validated to continue the payment of financial support during the second year; if not, the financial support is definitively stopped.

Furthermore, Wallonia-Brussels International covers health insurance, mutual subrogation, repatriation, and private liability insurance costs for the grant holder.



## Testimonial

**The aim** of the financial aid recipient's testimonial is to share his or her experience of studying and living in French-speaking Belgium; to inspire other international students to study here; to inform them authentically about student life, and to let them know about all the advantages our higher education establishments have to offer (quality of studies, reasonable study costs, human-sized campuses, etc.).

### **Testimonial features:**

Testimonials can be written and/or video.

#### **→ Written testimonial:**

The testimonial must contain a summary of the scholarship holder's study experience in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (max. 255 characters including spaces) and a text (max. 3000 characters including spaces) highlighting:

- The course studied and the host higher education institution.
- Positive points concerning the studies undertaken (quality of training provided, skills of teachers, study environment, etc.).
- Experiences outside the chosen course (student life, Belgian culture, gastronomy, festivals, European travel, leisure activities, etc.).
- Personal and academic benefits of studying in French-speaking Belgium.
- What advice he or she would give to other applicants.

The testimonial must be accompanied by an individual photo. The background is up to you, but if there are people in it, they must not be identifiable.

**Language:** English or French.

#### **→ Video testimonial**

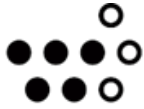
Duration: One minute max. per video. If the recipient wishes, he/she can make several thematic videos.

The video is to be produced using a Smartphone, vertical or horizontal format. Please refer to the attached PDF to optimize production.

The file size is limited to 256 MB; authorized types: mp4, avi.

### **Examples of themes:**

- **How did you prepare for your study stay in French-speaking Belgium?**
  1. What administrative steps did you take to come and study in French-speaking Belgium?
  2. Specify that you have a Master IN - WBI scholarship and explain how you obtained it.



3. What type of accommodation did you live in and how did you find it?
  4. Where did you find the information you needed to prepare for your stay? What sources of information would you recommend?
  5. Do you have any advice for future students?
- **How would you describe your study stay in French-speaking Belgium?**
    1. Why did you choose French-speaking Belgium for your training (+ specify the course)?
    2. What did you like about your studies?
    3. What is a day/week like as a foreign student in Belgium?
    4. How would you describe your environment?
    5. What have you gained from this experience?
    6. How would you sum up your experience in 3 words?
  - **How would you describe life in French-speaking Belgium?**
    1. What do you like about Belgium apart from your studies? What do you think of the quality of life?
    2. What do you do in your spare time? Have these activities enabled you to meet new people?
    3. How would you describe the Belgians?
    4. Any advice for future students?

**Language:** English or French.

If you would like to share your study and life experience in more detail, please inform your contact person at [bourses@wbi.be](mailto:bourses@wbi.be) and Wallonie-Bruxelles Campus at [wbcampus@wbi.be](mailto:wbcampus@wbi.be), who will contact the Wallonie-Bruxelles International Communications team. After a few discussions, they may offer you the opportunity to write an article entitled “Portrait of an international student in French-speaking Belgium”, or to produce a professional video about your studies and life in French-speaking Belgium.

**Consent:**

The grant recipient gives his/her consent for WBI and Wallonie-Bruxelles Campus to publish his/her testimonial on their various communication media (website, activity report, Instagram, Facebook, X, LinkedIn, brochures, etc.) by completing and signing the “Testimonial authorization form in Appendix 5 of the Grant Recipient's Guide”. This form must be signed and returned to [bourses@wbi.be](mailto:bourses@wbi.be) and [wbcampus@wbi.be](mailto:wbcampus@wbi.be).

**Contacts and Addition Information**

- International Relations Service of the targeted institution. To find the contact person, please visit <https://www.studyinbelgium.be/en/host-higher-education-institutions-master-wbi-grants> or [www.wbi.be](http://www.wbi.be).
- For administrative questions, WBI - International Grant Department: [bourses@wbi.be](mailto:bourses@wbi.be).