

Highlights



ASF supported 54 students in 2025

In 2025, a total of 54 AUC students received an ASF Scholarship, representing 25 different nationalities. The ASF awarded 49 full scholarships and 5 partial scholarships. On average, the scholarship amount was € 10,716, bringing the total funding awarded in 2025 to € 578,675 in support of students throughout their studies at AUC.



Thao Lam defends doctoral thesis

Past ASF Scholarship recipient and ASF Board Member Thao Lam (Class of 2016) defended her doctoral thesis at VU Amsterdam in April. Her interdisciplinary research on the obesogenic environment in the Netherlands was nominated for the Best Thesis Prize by the European Association for the Study of Obesity's Early Career Network.



Shruti Dubey nominated for ECHO Award

Shruti Dubey, past ASF recipient and 2025 AUC graduate in the Social Sciences, was nominated for an ECHO Award, a national award recognising outstanding Dutch students with a non-Western background for leadership, initiative and social impact. During her time at AUC, she was actively engaged in societal initiatives focused on educational equity and youth-led peacebuilding.

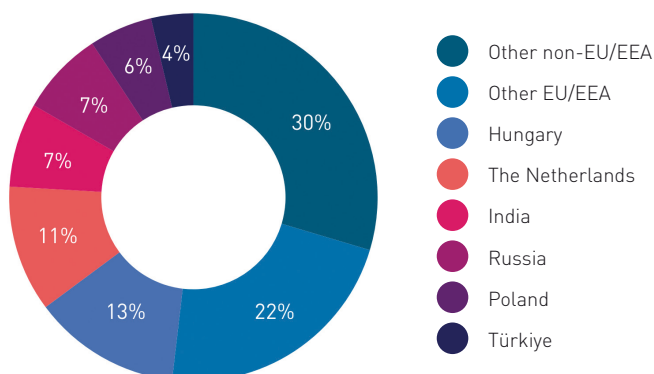


ASF scholars maintain an 8.3 average GPA (cum laude)

Over the past year, ASF-supported students maintained an average GPA of 8.3 (cum laude). These strong academic results reflect the talent, dedication and perseverance of ASF students across cohorts. They also highlight the ongoing impact of ASF support on academic success and student development during their studies at AUC.

Facts and figures 2025

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Average ASF Scholarship amount (EUR)	€ 10,716
Full scholarships	49
Partial scholarships	5
Total amount of ASF Scholarships awarded (EUR)	€ 578,675
Number of different nationalities	25



About ASF



The AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF) promotes excellence and diversity at Amsterdam University College by supporting talented students from low-income and underrepresented backgrounds. ASF scholars and the Talent Fellows enrich the AUC community with diverse perspectives, experiences and ambitions. Through its scholarships and fellowship, the ASF helps students thrive academically and realise their full potential, empowering the next generation of changemakers and internationally minded leaders.

New Interim Dean: Prof. Dr. Bruce Mutsvairo

In 2025, Prof. Dr. Bruce Mutsvairo was appointed Interim Dean of Amsterdam University College. Having studied and taught within the University College framework, he is committed to expanding access to the Liberal Arts and Sciences and the value they offer in fostering critical thinking, interdisciplinarity, and global citizenship. In 2026, he will lead fundraising to expand the AUC Scholarship Fund, enabling more talented students from diverse backgrounds to study at AUC.



"AUC students and alumni make a global impact. To keep empowering them to tackle real-world challenges, equitable access to financial support is essential. AUC Scholarship Fund plays a key role in this."

Student testimonials



KIYARAH
TALENT FELLOWSHIP
SOCIAL SCIENCES
NATIONALITY: THE NETHERLANDS

"The personal development programme within my Talent Fellowship was especially valuable as a first-generation student and helped me make informed choices about my next steps. With this support, I completed an internship at the Supreme Electoral Council of Curaçao and developed a clearer, more confident vision for my future."

"AUC allowed me to experience Amsterdam's interdisciplinary academic environment and feel truly challenged. Being able to communicate with researchers from advanced fields, visit laboratories, and gain hands-on experience has been extremely valuable. Through this support, I secured an internship at Amsterdam Science Park, giving me first-hand experience to the growing biotech sector."



MIRA
FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP
SCIENCES
NATIONALITY: KAZAKHSTAN

"The scholarship has opened up unique personal and professional opportunities. With reduced financial pressure, I was able to dedicate time to extracurricular activities that support my career goals, rather than focusing solely on part-time work to cover expenses. The most meaningful aspect of the scholarship support has been the financial stability it provides."



RAJ PRAKASH
FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP
SCIENCES
NATIONALITY: NEPAL

Reflection from an alumnus

"Without the ASF Scholarship, studying in the Netherlands would not have been possible. It opened doors that fundamentally shaped who I am today, allowing me to pursue internships, leadership roles, and sustainability projects, and eventually find employment in the Netherlands. It gave me the freedom to focus on learning and growing, and the belief that with support and opportunity, I can create meaningful change."



DHRUV
MASTER'S STUDENT
SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS
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UTRECHT UNIVERSITY

Supporting the AUC Scholarship Fund

As an independent foundation, the AUC Scholarship Fund thanks its success to its sponsors and donors. In 2025, ASF supporters included Royal Schiphol Group, AUC Student Association (AUCSA) and AUC Alumni Association (AUCAA).



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ASF Board 2025

The AUC Scholarship Fund is an independent foundation under Dutch law and is overseen by the ASF Board. During the 2025 calendar year, the ASF Board consisted of the following members:

- Prof. Dr. Jeroen Geurts (Rector Magnificus, VU) (Chair)
- Jan Lintsen (Vice President of the Executive Board, UvA) until June 2025
- Richard Goldstein (Vice President of the Executive Board, UvA) from October 2025
- Viktor Bos (Founding Partner, Tech Grounds)
- Delia de Vreeze (Former Director University Relations & Fundraising, VU)
- Thao Lam (AUC alumna)

In 2025, the ASF Board approved a redesign of its governance structure, including changes in its composition. Revised statutes were formally adopted in November 2025, allowing Board membership from all levels within VU and UvA, and removing the requirement for representation from the Executive Boards of the universities. A new ASF Board will be appointed in 2026 under the revised statutes.