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# Complete Study in NETHERLANDS 2026

*The Honest Master Guide for Indian Students*

TU Delft · Erasmus · Orange Knowledge Programme

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# Foreword from Saumitra

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Dear future Netherlands student,

I have been doing this work for 14 years. In that time, I have personally counselled more than 2,500 Indian families about studying in Europe, and placed over 60 students at top Dutch universities — TU Delft, University of Amsterdam (UvA), Erasmus Rotterdam, Utrecht, Leiden, Eindhoven (TU/e), Tilburg, Wageningen. Our alumni now work at ASML Eindhoven, Booking.com Amsterdam, Shell The Hague, Philips, ING Bank, and dozens of Amsterdam tech startups.

Here is what I have learned: **The Netherlands has the highest English proficiency of any non-English-speaking country in the world.** Over 90% of the population speaks fluent English. Over 2,200 Master's programs are taught entirely in English. The Dutch are direct, efficient, and respect skill over hierarchy. For a smart, English-comfortable Indian student, the Netherlands offers what Germany lacks (mandatory German learning) and what Switzerland lacks (lower cost) and what Italy lacks (faster English-medium career start).

But here is the harder truth: Dutch tuition is HIGH for non-EU students. EUR 11,000-22,000/year for non-EU vs EUR 2,500/year for EU students. That is a real barrier. Combined with EUR 1,000-1,400/month living costs in cities like Amsterdam and Utrecht, Netherlands is more expensive than Germany or Italy. The flip side: salaries are also high (EUR 50,000-75,000 starting), so the ROI is strong if you get in.

This guide is everything I wish every Indian student had before they applied to the Netherlands. It is brutally specific — real university names, exact EUR tuition by program, the Studielink portal walkthrough, MVV visa documents, accommodation hacks for Amsterdam (it's a nightmare market), sample SOPs that worked for TU Delft.

And if you want me to personally review your profile, WhatsApp me at **+91 99133 33239** or visit **kadamboverseas.com**. The first 30 minutes are free.

Welcome to the Netherlands. Veel succes. Let us begin.

— **Saumitra Rajput**

*Founder, Kadamb Overseas | Ahmedabad, May 2026*

# Why Netherlands — The Smart Indian Choice

**Quick read:** Netherlands hosts approximately 6,500 Indian students. Highest English proficiency in non-English Europe. 2,200+ English-taught Master's programs. Average starting salary EUR 50K-75K. Strong post-study work options.

## The Five Reasons That Actually Matter

### Reason 1: 2,200+ English-Taught Master's Programs (Highest in Europe)

No other non-English-speaking European country comes close. The Netherlands has more English-taught Master's programs than Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, and Spain COMBINED. You can complete your entire degree without learning a single word of Dutch — though we strongly recommend learning A2 for daily life.

This makes Netherlands the EASIEST European destination for Indian students who are NOT comfortable learning German/French/Italian. Just bring strong English (IELTS 6.5+) and you can target any of these 2,200 programs.

### Reason 2: 14 Dutch Universities in QS World Top 200

University	QS 2026	Best For Indians
Delft University of Technology (TU Delft)	#47	Engineering, Aerospace, Architecture
University of Amsterdam (UvA)	#60	Business, Sciences, Humanities
Utrecht University	#107	Sciences, Medicine, Geosciences
Leiden University	#136	Law, Sciences, Humanities
Eindhoven University (TU/e)	#138	Engineering, Data Science, AI
Erasmus University Rotterdam	#176	Business, Economics, Medicine
University of Groningen	#143	Sciences, Humanities, Business

University	QS 2026	Best For Indians
Wageningen University	#124	Agriculture, Food, Environment
Maastricht University	#234	Business, Health Sciences
VU Amsterdam	#197	Sciences, Humanities, Business

### Reason 3: Orientation Year (Zoekjaar) — 12 Months to Find a Job

After graduation, the Netherlands gives you a **12-month "Orientation Year" visa (Zoekjaar)** to find a job. No employer sponsorship needed. You can work part-time during this period. If you find a qualified job (EUR 39,816+ for under-30s in 2026), you transition to a Highly Skilled Migrant work visa.

This is more generous than Germany's 18-month job-seeker visa BECAUSE the Netherlands has higher employer demand for English-speaking talent. Tech (Amsterdam), engineering (Eindhoven), banking (Amsterdam/Rotterdam), and biotech (Leiden) all hire heavily.

## Reason 4: Indian MS Graduates Earn EUR 50,000-75,000 Starting

Field	Starting Salary	INR Equivalent	After 5 Years
Software Engineer (Booking, Adyen, Bol.com)	EUR 55-75K	INR 52-70 lakh	EUR 80-110K
Mechanical / Electrical Eng (ASML, Philips, FrieslandCampina)	EUR 50-65K	INR 47-61 lakh	EUR 75-100K
Data Scientist / AI (Booking, ING, KPMG)	EUR 60-80K	INR 56-75 lakh	EUR 90-130K
Banking & Finance (ING, ABN AMRO, Rabobank)	EUR 55-70K	INR 52-66 lakh	EUR 80-115K
Consulting (McKinsey/BCG/Bain Amsterdam)	EUR 65-85K + bonus	INR 61-80 lakh	EUR 110-160K + bonus
Aerospace / Aviation (Fokker, GKN Aerospace, Airbus)	EUR 50-65K	INR 47-61 lakh	EUR 75-100K

A 2-year MS at TU Delft costs about INR 20-28 lakh total. A first-year salary of INR 55-65 lakh at Booking Amsterdam pays back the investment in 6-9 months. **Netherlands gives strong ROI — comparable to Germany but easier in English.**

## Reason 5: Highest Quality of Life + Flat Geography + Cycling Culture

The Netherlands ranks consistently in the world's top 5 for quality of life. Trains run on time. Public transit is excellent. Cycling is the dominant transportation (EUR 100 second-hand bike replaces a car). Healthcare is universal. Work-life balance is strict (most Dutch leave office at 17:00 sharp).

City	Indian Community	Why Indians Love It
Amsterdam	15,000+	Largest Indian community, tech + finance jobs
Eindhoven	8,000+	ASML + Philips, lower cost than Amsterdam
The Hague	5,000+	Government, Shell HQ, international orgs
Rotterdam	4,500+	Erasmus Uni, port + logistics jobs
Utrecht	4,000+	Central location, Utrecht Uni
Delft	3,500+	TU Delft hub, walkable historic town
Leiden	2,000+	Leiden Uni, life sciences + bio jobs

City	Indian Community	Why Indians Love It
Groningen	1,500+	Cheaper, student-friendly north

## Honest Reality Check

### Netherlands IS the Right Choice If:

- You have CGPA 7.5+ and IELTS 6.5+ (TU Delft + UvA need higher)
- You want a 100% English-medium degree without learning Dutch
- Your family budget is INR 25-40 lakh (higher than Germany/Italy)
- You want strong post-study options: tech, engineering, banking, consulting
- You like flat terrain, cycling, and direct/efficient work culture
- You can handle the housing crisis in Amsterdam (apply 6+ months ahead!)

### Netherlands is NOT the Right Choice If:

- Your family budget is under INR 20 lakh (Germany or Italy is better)
- You want guaranteed free tuition (Netherlands non-EU = EUR 11K-22K/year)
- You prefer warm weather (Netherlands is wet, windy, cool)
- You need fast PR (5 years residence + B1 Dutch required)
- You can't handle Amsterdam's housing scarcity (Eindhoven/Utrecht easier)

*"Of the 60-plus Indian students I have placed in the Netherlands, about 92% are happy with the decision after 5 years. The 8% who regret usually fall into one bucket: chose Amsterdam without securing housing first, struggled for 3-6 months in temporary accommodation."*

— Saumitra Rajput

## Chapter 2

# TU Delft, UvA, Erasmus & 14 Dutch Universities

**Quick read:** 14 research universities + 36 universities of applied sciences (HBOs). For Indians targeting Master's, focus on the top 14 research universities. This chapter ranks them by Indian-specific outcomes.

## Tier 1: The Elite — Apply if CGPA 8.0+

University	QS 2026	Tuition Non-EU/Yr	Indian Students	Acceptance
TU Delft	#47	EUR 18,750	~700	15-25%
University of Amsterdam	#60	EUR 16,890	~600	20-30%
Wageningen University	#124	EUR 19,500	~150	25-35%
Utrecht University	#107	EUR 18,000	~250	20-30%
Leiden University	#136	EUR 18,800	~150	25-35%

## Tier 2: Strong Alternatives — CGPA 7.0-8.0

University	Tuition Non-EU/Yr	Strong For	Indian Student
Eindhoven (TU/e)	EUR 16,200	Engineering, Data Science, AI	~500
Erasmus Rotterdam	EUR 18,500	Business, Economics, Medicine	~400
Groningen	EUR 14,950	Sciences, Humanities, Cheaper	~350
Maastricht University	EUR 16,150	Business, International Studies	~250
VU Amsterdam	EUR 15,500	Sciences, Humanities, Business	~300

University	Tuition Non-EU/Yr	Strong For	Indian Student
<b>Tilburg University</b>	EUR 12,500	Business, Law, Social Sciences	~200
<b>Twente (UT)</b>	EUR 14,100	Engineering, IT, Industrial Design	~180
<b>Radboud University Nijmegen</b>	EUR 14,500	Sciences, Humanities, Medicine	~150

# TU Delft vs Eindhoven (TU/e) — The Engineering Decision

Factor	TU Delft	TU Eindhoven (TU/e)
QS Rank	#47	#138
Tuition Non-EU	EUR 18,750	EUR 16,200
City vibe	Historic, walkable, expensive	Industrial, ASML hub, cheaper
Strongest in	Aerospace, Civil, Architecture	Electrical, Data Science, AI
Indian community	~700	~500
Acceptance rate	15-25%	25-35% (easier)
Closest jobs	Shell, Philips, Booking	ASML, Philips, NXP
Industry connections	TNO, defense, aerospace	High-tech campus, semiconductors

**My recommendation:** Pure engineering theory + global brand → TU Delft. Applied/electronics/AI + better acceptance odds + ASML jobs → TU/e Eindhoven. Apply to BOTH if your CGPA is 8.5+.

## Chapter 3

# Real Cost: EUR 8K-22K Tuition + Living

**Quick read:** Non-EU Indian tuition: EUR 11,000-22,000/year. Living: EUR 900-1,400/month. Total 2-year MS cost: INR 25-50 lakh. Higher than Germany but lower than UK/Switzerland/USA.

## Tuition Fees by University (Non-EU Indian Students 2026)

University	Tuition EUR/Year	Tuition INR (annual)	Notes
TU Delft (most engineering programs)	EUR 18,750	INR 17.6 lakh	Top fees
UvA Amsterdam (most programs)	EUR 16,890	INR 15.9 lakh	High but worth it
Utrecht University	EUR 18,000	INR 16.9 lakh	Higher for sciences
Erasmus Rotterdam	EUR 18,500	INR 17.4 lakh	Business higher
Eindhoven (TU/e)	EUR 16,200	INR 15.2 lakh	Best value engineering
Wageningen	EUR 19,500	INR 18.3 lakh	Highest, world-class agri
Groningen	EUR 14,950	INR 14 lakh	Cheapest top-15
Tilburg University	EUR 12,500	INR 11.7 lakh	CHEAPEST option
Twente (UT)	EUR 14,100	INR 13.2 lakh	Cheap engineering
Maastricht	EUR 16,150	INR 15.2 lakh	PBL teaching style

## Cost of Living by Dutch City

City	Rent (Shared)	Food	Transport	Total / Month
Amsterdam	EUR 700-1,100	EUR 350	EUR 90	EUR 1,150-1,550
Utrecht	EUR 550-850	EUR 320	EUR 80	EUR 950-1,250

City	Rent (Shared)	Food	Transport	Total / Month
The Hague	EUR 600-900	EUR 320	EUR 80	EUR 1,000-1,300
Rotterdam	EUR 500-800	EUR 310	EUR 80	EUR 900-1,200
Delft	EUR 500-750	EUR 290	EUR 80	EUR 870-1,120
Eindhoven	EUR 450-700	EUR 280	EUR 80	EUR 810-1,060
Leiden	EUR 500-750	EUR 290	EUR 80	EUR 870-1,120
Groningen	EUR 400-650	EUR 270	EUR 75	EUR 745-995
Wageningen	EUR 400-600	EUR 270	EUR 70	EUR 740-940
Maastricht	EUR 450-650	EUR 280	EUR 75	EUR 805-1,005

## Three Realistic Budget Scenarios

Scenario	Year 1 EUR	Year 2 EUR	Total EUR	Total INR
<b>BUDGET (Tilburg/Twente, shared room)</b>	EUR 22,000	EUR 21,000	EUR 43,000	INR 40 lakh
<b>STANDARD (Utrecht/Delft, shared)</b>	EUR 30,000	EUR 28,500	EUR 58,500	INR 55 lakh
<b>PREMIUM (Amsterdam UvA, studio)</b>	EUR 36,000	EUR 34,000	EUR 70,000	INR 66 lakh

# Holland Scholarship + 8 Other Funding Sources

**Quick read:** Holland Scholarship (EUR 5,000) for non-EU students. Orange Knowledge Programme for Indian professionals. University-specific grants. Combined with Indian education loans, smart applicants reduce out-of-pocket costs by 50-70%.

## Top Scholarships for Indian Students

Scholarship	Amount	For	Eligibility
Holland Scholarship	EUR 5,000 one-time	BS or MS, all unis	Non-EU, top performers
Orange Knowledge Programme	Up to EUR 35,000	Mid-career professionals	Indian working professionals
Erasmus Mundus	EUR 14,000-25,000/yr	Joint Master's	Top 5%
NL Studielink University Grants	EUR 5,000-15,000	Various MS programs	Merit-based
MENA Scholarship Programme	Varies	For developing country students	Indians eligible
Delft University Excellence	EUR 10,000-30,000	TU Delft MS	Top applicants
Eric Bleumink Fund (Groningen)	EUR 10,000+	Groningen MS	Need + merit
Maastricht NL High Potential	EUR 10,000	Maastricht MS	Top profiles
VU Amsterdam Fellowship	Up to EUR 15,000	VU MS	Top applicants

## Chapter 5

# Application Process: Studielink + University-Direct

**Quick read:** Apply via Studielink portal (mandatory) AND each university's own portal. Deadlines: Jan 15 for Sep 2026 intake at most universities. TU Delft and UvA close earlier.

## The Netherlands Application Timeline

Month (Sep 2027 intake)	Action
Aug-Sep 2026	IELTS 6.5+ booking + study
Sep-Oct 2026	Shortlist 4-6 universities
Oct 2026	Studielink portal opens for Sep 2027 admissions
Oct-Dec 2026	Apply via Studielink + university-direct portals
Jan 15, 2027	PRIMARY DEADLINE for most Dutch universities
Jan-Mar 2027	University reviews + interviews (some programs)
Mar-May 2027	Receive admission decisions
May-Jun 2027	Pay tuition deposit + apply for MVV visa
Jul 2027	MVV visa approved + start finding accommodation
Aug 2027	Pre-arrival prep + flights
Sep 2027	<b>FLY TO NETHERLANDS.</b> First 5 days: BSN + bank + insurance.

## English Proficiency Requirements

University	IELTS Min	TOEFL iBT	Notes
<b>TU Delft</b>	6.5 (7.0 for some)	90	Strict for engineering
<b>University of Amsterdam</b>	6.5	92	Higher for some
<b>Erasmus Rotterdam</b>	7.0	100	Higher for business
<b>Eindhoven (TU/e)</b>	6.5	90	Most flexible
<b>Utrecht University</b>	6.5-7.0	93-100	Course-dependent
<b>Wageningen</b>	6.0-6.5	80-90	Lower for sciences
<b>Groningen</b>	6.5	90	Standard
<b>Tilburg University</b>	6.0	80	Most accessible

# Netherlands Student Visa: MVV via VFS

**Quick read:** Netherlands student visa = MVV (entry visa) + VVR (residence permit). Process via VFS Global India. Need EUR 13,500 in bank account or sponsor account. Timeline: 2-4 weeks (faster than Germany/Switzerland).

## Netherlands MVV Document Checklist

#	Document	Notes
1	Application Form	Filled in English
2	Passport (12+ months valid)	+ photocopies
3	Two passport-size photos	35x45mm, white background
4	University admission letter	Official, signed + stamped
5	Tuition payment confirmation	Or proof of payment plan
6	Financial proof: EUR 13,500/year	Bank statements (last 6 months)
7	Health insurance (Dutch-recognized)	EUR 30,000+ minimum
8	Apostilled degree + transcripts	Indian education docs
9	Criminal background check (PCC)	Apostilled, in English
10	Birth certificate (Apostilled)	For Indians under 21
11	Visa fee: EUR 207	INR 19,500 + VFS service fee
12	Cover letter explaining purpose	1 page, professional tone

## Chapter 7

# BSN Number + Bank + Insurance + Registration

**Quick read:** Your first 5 days in Netherlands are CRITICAL. BSN registration with city hall, bank account, health insurance, and IND residence card pickup all need to happen. Order matters.

## Day 1-7: Critical Arrival Tasks

Day	Task	Where	Cost
1	Land + reach accommodation	Train from Schiphol (EUR 10)	EUR 10-25
2	Register at Gemeente (city hall)	Local Gemeente office	Free
2-3	Receive BSN number	Same Gemeente office	Free
3-4	Open Dutch bank account	ING, ABN, Rabobank	Free for students
4-5	Get Dutch health insurance	Mandatory: Aon, AON Student	EUR 60-100/mo
5	Pick up VVR residence card	IND office	Free
6-7	Get OV-chipkaart (transport card)	Train station	EUR 7.50 + balance

## Dutch Bank Accounts for Students

Bank	Student Account	Monthly Fee	Pros
ING	Student Account	Free	Largest, English app
ABN AMRO	Student Plus	Free	Premium service
Rabobank	Studierekening	Free	Cooperative, regional
bunq (Digital)	Easy Bank	EUR 2.99	Fully mobile, English

Bank	Student Account	Monthly Fee	Pros
<b>N26 (German)</b>	N26 Standard	Free	EU-wide, IBAN works
<b>Revolut</b>	Standard	Free	Multi-currency

## Chapter 8

# Where to Live: Amsterdam, Delft, Utrecht, Eindhoven

**Quick read:** Amsterdam housing crisis is REAL. Apply 6-9 months ahead. Eindhoven, Utrecht, and Delft are easier. Groningen + Maastricht are cheapest. Avoid Amsterdam if you can't arrange housing 6 months ahead.

## The 8 Best Dutch Cities for Indian Students

City	Best For	Vibe	Indian Food
Amsterdam	Tech, Finance, UvA, VU	Cosmopolitan, expensive, vibrant	Excellent (40+ restos)
Eindhoven	Engineering (TU/e), ASML, Philips	Industrial, English-friendly	Limited (10-15 restos)
Delft	TU Delft engineering	Historic, compact, walkable	Limited (5-7 restos)
Utrecht	Sciences, central location	Quaint, beautiful canals	Moderate (15+ restos)
Rotterdam	Erasmus Uni, port industries	Modern, port city	Good (15-20 restos)
The Hague	IR, government, Shell HQ	Diplomatic, multicultural	Moderate (10-12 restos)
Leiden	Sciences, biotech	Historic university town	Limited (3-5 restos)
Groningen	Cheaper, student-friendly	Northern, lots of students	Limited (5-8 restos)

## Where to Find Housing

- [Kamernet.nl](#) — Largest student housing site
- [DUWO](#) — Student housing for international students
- [Room.nl](#) — University-managed accommodation
- [Pararius](#) — Wider rental market, English-friendly
- [Funda](#) — Dutch Zillow (mostly Dutch interface)
- University housing offices — Apply 6+ months ahead, very limited slots

- Facebook groups: "Indians in Amsterdam/Eindhoven/Utrecht/Delft" — active

# Dutch Language: When You Need It

**Quick read:** Netherlands is 90%+ English-fluent. You can complete entire MS without learning Dutch. But for jobs (especially government, healthcare, sales), Dutch is essential. For PR/citizenship, A2-B1 Dutch required.

## When You Need Dutch — Honest Truth

Situation	Dutch Needed?	Level
English-taught Master's	NO	A0
Daily survival (groceries, bus)	NO (everyone speaks English)	A1 nice
Renting from Dutch landlord	NO	A1-A2 helps
Part-time job (cafe, retail)	YES	A2-B1
Internship at Dutch company	PARTIAL	A2-B1
Full-time job at international firm	NO	A2-B1 nice
Full-time job at Dutch firm	YES	B1-B2
Permanent residence	YES	A2 mandatory
Citizenship	YES	A2-B1 mandatory

## How to Learn Dutch (Cheap)

- Duolingo** — Free, daily 10 min, A1 in 6 months
- Italki** — EUR 8-15/hour 1-on-1 Dutch tutors online
- University free Dutch courses** — Most Dutch universities offer FREE Dutch courses for international students
- Speak Dutch in 1 Year** — popular YouTube channel + textbook
- Dutch Cultural Society India** — Mumbai/Delhi A1 courses

6. Dutch is similar to German — if you know any German, you have a head start

# Career After Master's in Netherlands

**Quick read:** Orientation Year (Zoekjaar) gives you 12 months post-graduation to find a job. Highly Skilled Migrant visa requires EUR 39,816 salary (under-30) or EUR 54,302 (over-30). Tech, engineering, banking, biotech are top hiring sectors.

## Top Industries Hiring Indian Graduates

Industry	Best Cities	Top Companies	Salary Range
Tech / Software	Amsterdam, Eindhoven	Booking, Adyen, Bol.com, GitLab	EUR 55-80K
Semiconductors / Hardware	Eindhoven, Veldhoven	ASML, Philips, NXP, Lam Research	EUR 50-70K
Banking & Finance	Amsterdam, Rotterdam	ING, ABN AMRO, Rabobank, Optiver	EUR 55-75K
Consulting	Amsterdam	McKinsey, BCG, Bain, Accenture, Deloitte	EUR 65-90K
Aerospace / Aviation	Schiphol area	Fokker, GKN Aerospace, Airbus, KLM	EUR 50-70K
Biotech / Pharma	Leiden, Utrecht	Janssen, MSD, Galapagos, NMT	EUR 55-75K
Logistics / Shipping	Rotterdam, The Hague	Maersk, Vopak, A.P. Moller	EUR 50-65K
Energy / Oil & Gas	The Hague, Amsterdam	Shell, Vattenfall, Eneco	EUR 60-85K

## Best Job Portals for Netherlands

- [LinkedIn Netherlands](#) — Most jobs
- [Nationale Vacaturebank](#) — Largest Dutch portal
- [Indeed.nl](#) — Wide variety
- [Werk.nl](#) — Government job portal
- [Undutchables.nl](#) — Specifically for international talent
- [IamExpat.nl](#) — Expat-focused jobs
- University career services — Strong corporate networks

# Orientation Year + PR + Citizenship Path

**Quick read:** Orientation Year (12 months) → Highly Skilled Migrant visa → PR after 5 years + A2 Dutch → Citizenship after 5 years PR. Total: ~10 years to Dutch passport.

## The Full Path to Dutch Citizenship

Year	Status	Requirement	Notes
1-2	MS Student	Studielink + MVV visa	Standard student status
2-3	Orientation Year (Zoekjaar)	No employer needed, 12 months	Find qualified job
3-5	Highly Skilled Migrant	EUR 39,816+ salary (under 30)	Renewed by employer
5	<b>PR Eligibility</b>	5 years legal residence + A2 Dutch	Apply at IND
10	Dutch Citizenship	5 years PR + Civic Integration Exam	Renounce Indian (use OCI)

## What a Dutch Passport Gets You

- Visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to **189 countries**
- Right to live and work in any of the 27 EU countries
- Lifetime EU healthcare access
- Dutch passport allows dual citizenship in some cases
- Get Indian OCI status if you take Dutch citizenship

# 50 Real Questions, Real Answers

**Quick read:** The 50 most common questions Indian students ask me about the Netherlands.

## Application & Admission

### Q. Can I apply to TU Delft with 3-year BSc?

A. NO. TU Delft requires 4-year undergrad (240 ECTS). 3-year BSc Indians need to first complete 1 year of relevant coursework or hold an MSc.

### Q. What CGPA do I need for TU Delft?

A. 7.5+ minimum, 8.0+ recommended. UvA: 7.0+. Erasmus: 7.5+. Tilburg: 7.0+ accessible.

### Q. Do I need GRE for Netherlands?

A. NO for most universities. Some Erasmus Business and TU Delft programs accept (don't require) GRE.

### Q. When do applications open?

A. October for following September intake. Most universities close January 15.

### Q. Can I apply to multiple Dutch universities?

A. YES. Apply via Studielink (mandatory portal) AND directly to each university.

## Cost & Scholarships

### Q. Is Dutch tuition really EUR 18,000+?

A. For non-EU Indians, YES. EUR 11,000-22,000/year depending on university and program. EU students pay only EUR 2,500/year.

### Q. How much money for visa?

A. EUR 13,500 in your or sponsor's bank account.

### Q. What is Holland Scholarship?

A. EUR 5,000 one-time grant for non-EU students. Apply during admission.

### Q. Can I work part-time?

A. YES. 16 hours/week during studies (or full-time during summer).

### Q. Do scholarships cover tuition fully?

A. Rarely. Most cover EUR 5,000-15,000/year. Use combination + personal funds.

## Visa & Immigration

### Q. How long does Dutch student visa take?

A. 2-4 weeks (faster than Germany/Switzerland).

### Q. What is MVV vs VVR?

A. MVV = entry visa. VVR = residence permit. Both required.

### Q. Visa fee for Netherlands?

A. EUR 207 (~INR 19,500) + VFS service fee (~INR 1,500) = ~INR 21,000 total.

### Q. Can family visit on student visa?

A. YES. They can apply for Schengen tourist visa (90 days).

### Q. Can spouse come?

A. YES, after VVR is issued. Family reunification visa in 2-3 months.

## Living in Netherlands

### Q. Is Dutch food vegetarian-friendly?

A. YES. Lots of cheese, dairy, bread, salads. Many Dutch are vegetarian or vegan. Indian restaurants in every major city.

### Q. Is Amsterdam expensive?

A. YES. Most expensive in Netherlands. Eindhoven 30% cheaper. Groningen 50% cheaper.

### Q. Why is housing so hard?

A. Massive housing shortage in Amsterdam, Utrecht, The Hague. Apply 6+ months ahead. Eindhoven/Groningen easier.

### Q. Is Netherlands safe?

A. YES. Among the safest countries in the world. Very low crime rate.

### Q. Do I need a bicycle?

A. YES. Cycling is the dominant transport. EUR 80-150 second-hand bike replaces a car.

## Career & Jobs

### Q. Can I get a job without Dutch?

A. YES for tech (Booking, Adyen) and consulting (McKinsey, BCG). NO for government/healthcare. B1 Dutch doubles options.

**Q. Average starting salary for MS grads?**

A. EUR 50,000-75,000/year for engineering, tech, finance. Top consulting reaches EUR 80-90K + bonus.

**Q. How long is post-study work permit?**

A. 12 months Orientation Year (Zoekjaar). No employer sponsorship needed.

**Q. What is Highly Skilled Migrant visa?**

A. Work permit for professionals earning EUR 39,816+ (under 30) or EUR 54,302 (over 30) per year.

**Q. Do Dutch companies recognize Indian degrees?**

A. YES, with Apostille. Booking, ASML, ING, Shell actively hire Indian graduates.

## Language & Culture

**Q. Do I really not need Dutch?**

A. For studies — TRUE. For full integration — false. Daily life works in English. Long-term, Dutch helps.

**Q. How long to learn Dutch to A2?**

A. About 6-12 months of consistent study. University free Dutch courses + Duolingo.

**Q. Is Dutch like German?**

A. YES, very similar. Knowing German helps. But pronunciation differs significantly.

## PR & Long-term

**Q. How long until Dutch citizenship?**

A. ~10 years total. 5 years residence (PR eligibility) + 5 years more for citizenship + A2-B1 Dutch + Civic Integration Exam.

**Q. Can I keep Indian passport?**

A. NO. Netherlands generally requires renunciation, but exceptions exist. Use OCI status.

**Q. Difference between PR and citizenship?**

A. PR: Indefinite right to live + work. Citizenship: PR + voting + EU passport + free movement in EU.

## Specific Programs

**Q. Best Dutch university for Computer Science?**

A. TU Delft, UvA, TU/e Eindhoven, University of Amsterdam.

**Q. Best for AI / Data Science?**

A. TU Delft, TU/e, UvA, Tilburg University.

**Q. Best for Business / MBA?**

A. Erasmus Rotterdam School of Management (RSM), UvA Amsterdam Business School, Tilburg School of Economics.

**Q. Best for Aerospace?**

A. TU Delft (#1 in Europe for aerospace).

**Q. Best for International Relations?**

A. Leiden University, Utrecht University, Hague University of Applied Sciences.

Bonus 1

# 12-Month Netherlands Application Roadmap

Timeline assumes you want to enter Netherlands in September 2027.

Month	Tasks	Deliverables
Aug 2026	Research universities + book IELTS	Shortlist of 4-6 universities
Sep-Oct 2026	IELTS 6.5+ + Apostille documents	IELTS score + Apostilled docs
Oct 2026	Studielink portal opens	Studielink account created
Oct-Dec 2026	Submit applications + SOPs + LORs	4-6 university applications submitted
Jan 15, 2027	PRIMARY DEADLINE	All applications in
Jan-Mar 2027	University reviews + interviews	Provisional admissions
Mar-May 2027	Final admission decisions	Confirmed admission
May 2027	Pay tuition deposit (EUR 1,000-3,000)	Deposit confirmation
Jun 2027	Apply for MVV visa via VFS	Visa application submitted
Jul 2027	Visa approved + housing arrangements	Visa stamped + dorm/apt confirmed
Aug 2027	Pre-arrival prep + flights	Ready to fly
Sep 2027	WELCOME TO NETHERLANDS. Day 1-7: BSN + bank + insurance + IND.	Settled in

## Bonus 2

# Dutch SOP Template (Concise Format)

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Dutch admissions value DIRECTNESS. SOPs are 600-1,000 words MAX. No fluff. No "since childhood" stories. Real projects, real numbers, specific professors.

## Structure (4 Paragraphs, ~800 words MAX)

### Paragraph 1: The Hook (100 words)

Open with a SPECIFIC project or insight from your BTech that maps to your chosen Dutch program. State your CGPA, your IELTS, and what you want to study at this specific Dutch university.

### Paragraph 2: Academic + Professional (300 words)

Cover Bachelor's degree, percentile rank, key coursework, projects, internships. Mention 1-2 publications/papers/hackathons. Quantify everything.

### Paragraph 3: Why THIS Dutch University (300 words)

THE most important paragraph. Mention:

- 1-2 SPECIFIC professors and their recent papers
- 2-3 SPECIFIC courses in the curriculum
- WHY Netherlands over Germany/UK
- How this program fits your 5-year career plan

### Paragraph 4: Career Plan + Closing (100 words)

Outline plan to work in Netherlands post-graduation (Booking/ASML/ING/Shell). Brief mention of long-term India connection. Confident closing.

## Bonus 3

# Sample Email to a Dutch Professor

Dutch professors appreciate brevity and specificity. Email under 200 words. Reference one of their recent papers.

## The Template

**Subject:** MS Application Spring 2027 — [Your Name] — Interest in [SPECIFIC TOPIC]

**Beste Prof. [Last Name],**

I am [Your Name], a final-year [BTech / MSc] student at [Your University] in India. I am writing because your work on [SPECIFIC TOPIC FROM RECENT PAPER] aligns with my Master's research interests at [University].

At [Your University], I have completed projects on [TWO TOPICS], with my BTech thesis on [TOPIC] published as a [PUBLICATION/CONFERENCE PAPER]. I have CGPA [X.X / 10] and IELTS 7.0.

For my MS at [Dutch University], I would like to focus on [SPECIFIC TOPIC] and potentially join your group's work on [SPECIFIC PROJECT].

Would you have 15 minutes for a brief call to discuss whether my profile fits your group?

Met vriendelijke groet,

**[Your Name]**

[Your University] | [Email] | [LinkedIn]

Attachment: CV (1 page), Research Statement (1 page)

# How Kadamb Overseas Can Help You

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Kadamb Overseas is a Europe-focused study abroad consultancy based in Ahmedabad, India, established in 2012 by Saumitra Rajput. We have placed 500+ Indian students at top European universities including 60+ at Dutch institutions like TU Delft, UvA Amsterdam, Erasmus Rotterdam, Utrecht, Eindhoven, Leiden, Tilburg, Wageningen.

## What We Offer for Netherlands-Bound Students

- **Free 30-minute counseling call** — We assess your profile and tell you honestly which Dutch universities you should target
- **University shortlisting** — 4-6 universities matched to your CGPA and budget
- **Application support** — SOP, LOR, CV reviews + Studielink + university-direct portal assistance
- **Scholarship strategy** — Holland Scholarship, OKP, Erasmus Mundus, university-specific aid
- **MVV Visa support** — Document checklists, application review, mock interview, VFS booking
- **Pre-departure briefing** — BSN, bank, insurance, OV-chipkaart, accommodation hacks
- **Post-arrival support** — Our network in Amsterdam, Eindhoven, Utrecht can help you settle in

## Why Choose Kadamb

- 14+ years of Europe-only focus (we know Netherlands deeply)
- 500+ students successfully placed in Europe (97% visa success rate)
- Founder Saumitra has personally visited 8+ Dutch universities
- Real alumni network at Booking, ASML, Philips, ING, Shell, McKinsey
- We work on long-term success — we stay in touch with you for 5 years

### Ready to start your Netherlands journey?

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**The first 30-minute consultation is 100% FREE.**

*Veel succes. We will see you in the Netherlands.*

— Saumitra Rajput, Founder, Kadamb Overseas