

Information on Stichting AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF)



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(commonly known as "the AUC Scholarship Fund" or "ASF")

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The ASF has its own pages in the AUC website:
<http://www.auc.nl/admissions-aid/auc-scholarship-fund/about-auc-scholarship-fund.html>

Mission

The mission of the Stichting AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF) is to support excellence and diversity in the AUC student body by facilitating access to the AUC programme for talented low-income and minority students. It aims to achieve this by acquisition of financial resources (sponsorship, donations and gifts) to support the awarding of scholarships to AUC students, both Dutch and international.

Governing body (bestuur)

The ASF's governing body is the ASF Board. The ASF Board has a minimum of three members. They are appointed by the governing body of AUC (AUC bestuur). At least one ASF Board member is a member of the Executive Board (College van Bestuur) of the University of Amsterdam and at least one ASF Board member is a member of the Executive Board (College van Bestuur) of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

ASF Board members 2016

Chair: Prof. Dr. Mr. J. W. Winter (VU Executive Board)
Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. H. Amman (UvA Executive Board)
Member: Prof. Dr. M.C. van der Wende (University of Utrecht; AUC Founding Dean)
Member: Prof. Dr. R. Hamer (Unilever)
Member: vacancy (AUC graduate)

Remuneration policy

None of the ASF Board members receives any remuneration for his or her activities. Reasonable expenses, if claimed, are paid by AUC and not by the AUC Scholarship Fund.

Main policy lines

Each year the AUC Scholarship Fund awards ASF scholarships to AUC students on the basis of their merit and financial need. The focus is on talented students (both Dutch and international) who might otherwise be prevented from accepting their place at AUC because of their financial circumstances. Students already at AUC may also apply for a scholarship if their financial situation changes. The ASF Board's target is to award scholarships of on average EUR 7000 to 10% of the AUC student body. In 2016-2018, the ASF is also awarding a limited number of scholarships in the Diversity Award Programme (DAP awards). These are merit-based awards for Dutch minority students (niet-westerse allochtonen). The aim of the DAP awards is to extend the scholarships available to diversity candidates. The ASF Board's target is that 18% of the AUC student body will be Dutch minority students by 2018. A Selection Committee appointed by the ASF Board considers the applications for both ASF scholarships and ASF-DAP awards, and makes a recommendation to the ASF Board. The ASF Selection Committee consists of a minimum of two AUC staff members, a minimum of two (corporate) sponsor members, and an independent chair person. All corporate sponsors are invited to appoint a representative to the Selection Committee. In 2016, the Selection Committee is chaired by Beer Schröder (Advisor, Board of Directors, Nuffic). The ASF scholarships and DAP awards run for three years (AUC students are expected to graduate within three years), with renewal each year conditional on the AUC student maintaining a good academic standard.

Report on activities

Please see the Annual Review document published by the ASF, available for downloading from the AUC website:

<http://www.auc.nl/admissions-aid/auc-scholarship-fund/about-auc-scholarship-fund.html#anker-asf-annual-review>

Chamber of Commerce

The ASF is registered at the Chamber of Commerce under number 34340453.

RSIN/Fiscal number

Stichting AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF): 820783225.

ANBI status

The Stichting AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF) is designated as an ANBI (Public Benefit Organisation) in the Netherlands since 1 January 2015. An ANBI is a church, religious, charitable, cultural, scientific or other institution that serves the general interest of society. Donations of goods or money to an ANBI may be tax deductible for the donor.

[Link to Dutch tax office information on ANBIs \(in Dutch\)](#)

[Link to Dutch tax office information on ANBIs \(in English\)](#)

Financial accountability

The ASF is supported entirely by donations from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the University of Amsterdam, AUC, the city of Amsterdam, the AUC Student Association (AUCSA), the AUC Alumni Association (AUCAA), sponsorship from the corporate sector, and individual gifts. All monies received are destined to be paid out in scholarships. The ASF aims to maintain a contingency reserve that, in the event of all donations ceasing, would be sufficient to pay out all existing scholarship commitments for the full three years. The annual financial report of the ASF is adopted each year by the ASF Board, and signed by all ASF Board members.

BALANCE			
	31 december 2015	31 december 2014	31 december 2013
Assets			
Bank Account	€ 1.773.862	€ 1.579.364	€ 1.137.938
Receivables	€ 24.285	€ 51.834	€ 121.191
	€ 1.798.147	€ 1.631.198	€ 1.259.129
Liabilities			
Equity (general reserve)	€ 1.783.147	€ 1.601.198	€ 1.244.129
Amounts received in advance	€ 15.000	€ 30.000	€ 15.000
	€ 1.798.147	€ 1.631.198	€ 1.259.129
Number of ASF scholarship holders	63	79	73
% of student body	8%	10%	10%
Average ASF scholarship amount	€ 8.420	€ 7.500	€ 7.260
Number DAP award holders	13	9	3
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS			
	2015	2014	2013
Income			
Corporate sponsorship	€ 70.900	€ 155.000	€ 110.000
VU/UVA/AUC contribution	€ 700.000	€ 750.000	€ 650.000
Other donations	€ 1.200	€ 2.450	€ 2.000
Bank interest	€ 5.625	€ 6.834	€ 6.191
Total income	€ 777.725	€ 914.284	€ 768.191
Expenditure			
Scholarships	€ 595.163	€ 556.649	€ 533.749
Bank charges	€ 613	€ 566	€ 403
Total expenditure	€ 595.776	€ 557.215	€ 534.152
Result	€ 181.949	€ 357.069	€ 234.039