ASF student elected to EYP NL president – In March, Maria Bianka Lojanica was elected President of the European Youth Parliament the Netherlands after serving as Fundraising and PR Coordinator. Her term will last for one year.

ASF supporting 73 AUC students – In the 2016–2017 academic year the ASF paid out more than EUR 650,000 in scholarships (ASF and DAP) to around 73 AUC students.

ASF-DAP student wins ECHO prize – In September, Khaled Tamimy was announced as one of the four winners of the ECHO Award 2017, which is awarded to excellent students with a multicultural background in the Netherlands.

Prof. Karen Maex joins ASF Board – The Rector Magnificus of the University of Amsterdam, Prof. Maex joined the ASF Board in 2017, as the new representative from the UvA Executive Board.

Class of 2017 Graduation – AUC’s graduation ceremony for the Class of 2017 took place at Koninklijk Theater Carré. Founding Dean Marijk van der Wende and alumna Maryam Alaoui spoke in support of the ASF and the value of giving back.

Selection Committee meetings – The ASF Selection Committee met on 20 April to consider the applications for ASF scholarships and DAP awards for 2017–2018.

AUC alumna begins as ASF Board member – In the 2016-2017 academic year, AUC alumna and former ASF scholarship recipient Maryam Alaoui joined ASF Board as an active member.

Corporate sponsors of the AUC Scholarship Fund in 2017

KLM: We sponsor the ASF because of our commitment to broader society. The international orientation of AUC is a great fit to KLM’s own international focus.

Unilever: We support the ASF because we believe that lawyers facing today’s problems benefit from a broader oriented education than a strictly legal one.

Rabobank: We contribute to the ASF to offer top students from around the world the unique opportunity to study for a Bachelor degree in Amsterdam.

For more information about ASF’s mission, sponsors, and how to apply for a scholarship, please visit www.auc.nl and click on “Admissions & aid.”
Amsterdam University College considers increasing and highlighting diversity as one of its most important goals. Different approaches, ideas, and values are integral to the creation of a vibrant and challenging learning environment. The AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF) facilitates access to the AUC programme for talented low-income and minority students and in 2013 launched the ASF Diversity Award Programme (DAP) to significantly extend the scholarships available to diversity candidates. Dutch students with minority backgrounds from all over the Netherlands are eligible for the award. By providing this additional scholarship, the ASF hopes to promote diversity at AUC and encourage Dutch students from a diverse range of backgrounds to apply to the AUC programme and join the AUC community.

For the 2016-2017 academic year, four new students were selected to receive the ASF-DAP Award and a scholarship worth EUR 5,000 each year. Nineteen (19) students total received the award for that year. Candidates must have excellent school results and a strong motivation to (continue to) be part of the AUC community to receive the award. The ASF Selection Committee, consisting of representatives from AUC and its stakeholders, as well as ASF sponsors, makes recommendations about which candidates should be selected as ASF-DAP Award recipients.

Below are testimonials from some students who received the ASF-DAP Award during the 2016-2017 academic year, including new (Class of 2019) and renewing students.

**Fatiya Munkaila**  
Class of 2017  
Major: Humanities

“Being a ASF-DAP Award holder meant a lot to me. It meant that I could afford to go to AUC, but it also meant I got to encourage other prospective students who would not be able to attend AUC without financial aid. Being an ASF-DAP awardee means being part of a large international network that is there to generate excellence and diversity in the AUC community and far beyond it. It means taking responsibility for your actions and duties, and, most of all, it means getting a small push to accomplish whatever you aspire.”

**Simon Fang**  
Class of 2017  
Major: Sciences

“AUC offers many possibilities to fulfil my broad interests and it also allows me to take courses out of my ‘comfort zone’. The scholarship allows me to fully focus on my studies. But it also gives me the opportunity to engage myself in the active campus life and join committees. For example, this year I joined the AUC 3D Printing Lab, and meanwhile I am trying to set up a new committee that will organize activities to encourage the integration of AUC students and inbound exchange students.”

**Lucy Tao**  
Class of 2019  
Major: Sciences

“Being a part of the AUC community is both a wonderful blessing and a great responsibility. Academically speaking, AUC offers a wide range of high-quality education, which both satisfies and arouses my curiosity. Being one of the students lucky enough to receive a scholarship, [...] I have been able to fully focus on my studies, as well to learn from my peers outside the classroom about their countries, cultures and history. As a science major, I aspire to deliver quality research after my studies and make my contribution to contemporary science, supported by the hard work I put in and the insights I gain at AUC.”

**Sahar Afzal**  
Class of 2019  
Major: Social Sciences

“The ASF-DAP scholarship helps me a lot, it gives me the opportunity to study at AUC and work in the Dutch society on a voluntary basis with young people. Besides travelling and participating at conferences, on a weekly basis I teach young people in schools about the United Nations on several topics like Youth, Peace and Security. After AUC, I would like to continue my work in international affairs. I believe it is very important to include societies, and especially young people, in (inter)national decision making processes, especially since youth is the future.”
The newest ASF students: Meet the Class of 2019

In the 2016-2017 academic year, 16 new students with a scholarship, not including ASF-DAP, started at Amsterdam University College. The majority (13) starting in September and a few (3) starting in February. This new cohort represented twelve countries and scholarships were awarded to mostly international students from non-EU countries. Below, we introduce some these students and hear from them about how the AUC Scholarship Fund has helped them in pursuing their studies.

Ruth del Pino Bleijerveld
Netherlands
Class of 2019
Major: Social Sciences

"Thanks to the ASF scholarship, I am able to attend a prestigious university college, where I’ve developed a passion for certain subjects, formed meaningful relationships with peers, and have been inspired by books, academic articles and my professors. AUC has encouraged my academic curiosity to flourish."

Osama Chobat
Syria
Class of 2019
Major: Social Sciences

"AUC’s high educational standards and culture of academic excellence certainly presented its own set of challenges and high expectations to live up to, but with the help of the scholarship fund, I was able to find a balance between keeping up with studies and actively engaging in my new life outside of school."

Widya Puspitaloka
Indonesia
Class of 2019
Major: Sciences

"ASF Scholarship has given me a chance to learn in a whole different way which could change my perspectives on how I see the world. It empowers to strive and learn more without being distracted by financial burden. I hope from the experience that I gain from AUC, I can pursue a postgraduate study, especially in the field of Biomedical Engineering."

AUC Alumni Association and ASF: A lasting partnership

Aleksandar Velichkov
Class of 2016
Major: Sciences

"Without the scholarship, thousands of words wouldn’t have been written, hundreds of articles wouldn’t have been read, tens of presentations wouldn’t have been given, friendships wouldn’t have been made and a student would have wasted his potential."

AUC has a vibrant alumni community, and an active AUC Alumni Association. Support of the ASF is included in the statutes of the AUCAA as part of its mission and investment in its future members.

For more information about AUCAA, please visit www.aucaa.nl
### Facts and figures for 2016-2017

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### ASF Board

The AUC Scholarship Fund is an independent foundation under Dutch law, and is run by the ASF Board. The 2017 members of the ASF Board were:

- Prof. Dr. Jaap Winter, ASF Chair (President Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- Prof. Dr. Karen Maex (Rector Magnificus, University of Amsterdam)
- Prof. Dr. Rob Hamer (VP R&D Discover Foods, Unilever)
- Prof. Dr. Marij van der Wende (Dean of Graduate Students at Utrecht University and AUC Founding Dean)
- Maryam Alaoui (AUC graduate member)

The Stichting AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF) is designated as an ANBI (Public Benefit Organisation). This means that donations to ASF may be tax deductible for the donor.

### About the AUC Scholarship Fund

The AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF) supports excellence and diversity in the AUC student body by facilitating access to the AUC programme for talented low-income and minority students. The ASF is funded entirely by donations from a variety of sponsors and stakeholders.

#### MERIT AND NEED

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. 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 students from the Netherlands with a non-western migration background. The aim of the DAP awards is to extend the scholarships available to diversity candidates, and boost recruitment of these students to AUC.

A Selection Committee appointed by the ASF Board considers the applications for both ASF scholarships and DAP awards, and makes a recommendation to the ASF Board. All corporate sponsors are invited to appoint a representative to the Selection Committee, that is chaired by an independent chairperson. In 2017, the Selection Committee was chaired by Beer Schroder [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 student maintaining a good academic standard.