



Call Wilfried Martens Scholarship 2021-2022

1 Aim of the Fund

In order to conserve, spread and deepen Wilfried Martens' European political heritage and ideas, Mrs Miet Smet-Martens, the European People's Party and his Alma Mater have established in December 2014 the KU Leuven Wilfried Martens Fund.

The Fund supports academic education and research activities and projects focused on the themes that were dear to Wilfried Martens during his European political career, such as the EU's institutional architecture, its neighbourhood policy and the development of European parties and foundations. The Fund also pays attention to the relationship between politics and religion, the dialogue between religions, and to the European aspirations of the countries of the Western Balkans and the Eastern Partnership.

2 Scholarship

The Fund establishes the 'Wilfried Martens Scholarship' for students from non-EU Member States allowing them to follow the **Master of European Politics and Policies (MEPP)** at KU Leuven during the academic year 2021-2022 (September-June). Students that are eligible and who wish to study an English taught one-year master degree at KU Leuven are invited to apply for the scholarship.

2.1 *Who can apply?*

Applicants are only deemed eligible if the following criteria are met:

- Applicants from all provinces and regions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo.
- Applicants must have a 4 Year University Degree: 3 Year Bachelors + 1 Year Masters or 4 Year Bachelors of 240 ECTS credits:
 - Students should have outstanding academic results.
 - Accepted degrees are in the fields of Political Science, Sociology, Law, Economics or Contemporary European History. For a complete list: see Rules of procedure 1.2 .
 - We welcome applications from candidates with a degree from other disciplines than the ones mentioned above, either based on

- relevant professional experience (in for example policy analysis or policy implementation)
 - or if the candidate demonstrates a strong motivation to study the public sector and its different aspects.
- As the Master of European Politics and Policies is completely taught in English, applicants are required to demonstrate proficiency in the English language. We only accept the following language certificates:
 - [TOEFL](#): for which the minimum total score required is 100 on the internet-based test.
 - [IELTS](#): for which the minimum overall score required is 7.0.
 - [Cambridge English Qualifications for general and higher education](#), for which we accept a minimum score of 184 on [C1 Advanced](#), or [C2 Proficiency](#).
 - [ITACE](#), for which level C1 is required.
 - For students whose undergraduate or previous studies have been completely in English (for at least four years), copies of transcripts and diplomas can act as proof of English proficiency.

2.2 Procedure

Applications have to be submitted online through the [website](#) of the KU Leuven Admissions Office. The file consists primarily of the application form and other relevant documents to be uploaded onto the online application file:

- PDF scans of the original university diploma(s).
- PDF scans of the original transcripts of academic records. If these documents are not in English, Dutch, French, or German, please arrange for these documents to be translated by a registered translator. These documents must also be certified by the educational institution that issues them or by a national authority. If the applicant has not graduated yet, a proof of provisional graduation issued by the university and the intermediate official transcript(s) should be uploaded.
- An official explanation of the grading system used in the academic institution(s) where the student pursued the graduate studies.
- Proof of proficiency in English (i.e. TOEFL, IELTS, CAE or ITACE);
- CV, and a two-page motivation letter regarding your application for the Master of European Politics and Policies and (as a *conditio sine que non*) a separate motivation letter on your application for the Wilfried Martens Scholarship;
- An experience statement (and if possible, proof) referring to your experience with writing papers or a dissertation, preferably in English.
- Scan of passport/ID.

2.3 Timing

- 1 March 2021: deadline for submission of the application
- March-April 2021: intake interview with the jury
- April-May 2021: the scholarship is awarded

2.4 Scholarship

The Scholarship includes:

- Monthly paid (September-June) living expenses
- Tuition Fee
- Affiliation with a Belgian Health Insurance Company
- Third Party Liability Insurance

2.5 More information

Before applying please read carefully the Scholarship's rules of procedure at the [Fund's webpage](#).

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For additional information, please contact Mrs. [Sylvia Tutene!](#)
