



Memorandum

To Deans
From Institutional Fee Committee EUR (IFC)
Date 17 January 2023
Topic Advice on the institutional tuition fees 24-25

In this memo the Institutional Fee Committee (IFC) advises on the institutional tuition fees 24-25. In short, the advice is to (1) increase the fees by the inflation used to calculate the statutory tuition fees for 23-24, and (2) to explore whether schools can increase the number of scholarships provided by the Erasmus Trust Fund (matched by schools) and boost the Erasmus University Holland Scholarship. Below you will find the details supporting this advice.

Background

The increase of the institutional tuition fees usually follows the annual percentage increase of the statutory tuition fee, which is based on the inflation of the previous year (formally announced by OCW). Last year, the internal IFC EUR was installed by the CvB to advise on the institutional tuition fees. Their advice was to not only look at inflation, but also to take market value into account and to harmonize fees into clusters. This led to a higher non-EEA fee increase of most EUR study programs for 23-24, with some exceptions. The UC gave a positive advice on the 23-24 fees. At the same time, they requested the CvB to explore whether more tuition fee waivers can be distributed by the schools, to still be able to provide non-EEA students with a low social-economic background the opportunity to study at EUR. As a result, this advice covers a proposal for the 24-25 institutional fees as well as a proposal for an expansion of the EUR waiver/scholarship distribution.

Statutory fee 23-24

The statutory fee for 23-24 is €2.314,- compared to €2.209,- in 22-23. This means an increase of 4.8% (rounded to the next 'even' figure). Since 2008, statutory tuition fees were indexed based on the percentage change in the consumer price index for the month of April compared to the month of April in the previous year. Recent developments have shown that this system of indexation is not (has not been) resistant to inflation peaks. For the indexation for the academic year 23-24, the system of indexation has been changed. From 2022 on, the statutory tuition fee will be indexed by the average percentage change in the consumer price index over the period May to April compared to the same period in the previous year. The statutory tuition fee for the academic year 23-24 has been set in accordance with the changed systematics. This means that the increase of 4.8% is significantly lower than the actual inflation¹.

Institutional fee 24-25

Following the increase n-1 of the statutory fee, the institutional fees 24-25 can be calculated by increasing the current ones with 4.8%. The IFC's advice is to apply the 4.8% increase to all bachelor and master programs. Since last years' increase already resulted in a better market position for EUR (overall, our programs now have a price that reflects market rated much better), and positive results

¹ <https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/stcrt-2022-26814.html>

were achieved by clustering the fees, the IFC now proposes to only look at the inflation percentage for 24-25. The increase will still be high, but it prepares us for rising costs and secures our good market position. In the meantime, the IFC will analyze the influx numbers of students, as soon as these figures are available. Annex 1 shows the proposed fees for 24-25.

Financial support

Currently, EUR participates in two EUR-wide waiver/scholarship programs: The Erasmus University Holland Scholarship and the Erasmus Trust Fund Scholarship. In their advice dd. July 2022, the University Council expresses its concern about the fair opportunity for all students to study at EUR. They recommend that part of the additional income from the higher institutional fees is used to provide waivers to students who require it. The IFC has asked the Education Directors to provide an overview of their current waiver policy and to explore ways of increasing the number of waivers to meet the UC's request. The information received led to the IFC's advice to boost the two existing waiver/scholarship programs at EUR by adding more funds from the schools and the Trust Fund. Expanding the existing programs seems doable in a practical sense, because the workflows, requirements and division of tasks are already in place. Annex 3 (ppt.) shows the details of this plan.

Advice

The IFC advises the schools and the CvB to set the institutional fees as presented in annex 1 and to increase the number of waivers as presented in annex 3. If schools wish to deviate from either of these proposals, they are welcome to share their thoughts.

Next steps

The decision-making planning for the institutional fees 24-25 is as follows:

Schools can respond to the proposal	Until 1 March
Collecting input, discussion, advising for CvB	March
Decision CvB	April
Asking the UC for advice during their last cycle of the year	May/June
Institutional tuition fees are communicated, systems are updated	By 1 October

Annex 1 – Proposal tuition fees 24-25

Annex 2 – Comparison Dutch universities

Annex 3 – Waivers/scholarships at EUR