VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL

SCHOOL OF THINKING

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
VUB Postgraduate School of Thinking, 2025/2026
OSB-funded scholarships for VUB and EHB students, graduates and researchers

The VUB Postgraduate programme The School of Thinking and the VUB Oudstudentenbond (OSB) are pleased to announce **two scholarships covering the full tuition fee** for participation in the School of Thinking during the academic year 2025/2026 (Year Tau). These scholarships are available to students, graduates, or researchers[1] affiliated with the VUB–Erasmus Hogeschool Brussel association.

This opportunity is open to people pursuing an academic or professional exploration of topics requiring an inter- or transdisciplinary approach (so-called 'wicked problems' in contemporary society), related to the topics addressed in the SoT curriculum.

Requirements

1. Affiliation with VUB or EHB

You must be one of the following:

- A currently enrolled Master's (MA or MSc) or PhD student at VUB or EHB
- A graduate holding a Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD degree from VUB or EHB
- A researcher employed by VUB or EHB

2. English Proficiency

Fluency in English is required. Applicants must provide a self-assessment of their English proficiency. While no formal language certificate is required, a declaration of language competence will be requested upon admission.

Application procedure

To apply for the scholarship, please send the following documents to sot@vub.be no later than August 15, 2025 (23:59):

- **Application letter:** A (email) letter endorsed by your academic advisor or supervisor, in which you: state your motivation for applying, outline your expectations of the programme, briefly summarise your academic and professional background, and include a self-assessment of your English language proficiency.
- **Curriculum Vitae:** Detailing academic, professional, and personal experience.

Selection process

Scholarship recipients will be selected by **September 1, 2025,** based on the quality of the applications.

The selection will be made by an **Admissions Committee** consisting of Dr. Karin Verelst (SoT Programme Director and Committee Chair), Dr. Maciej Swieży (former Programme Director), Mr. Jan De Groote (President OSB), Geert Royemans (former President OSB), and Prof. dr. Francis Heylighen (Director Centre Leo Apostel).

For **inquiries** regarding the scholarships or SoT programme, please contact Karin Verelst at sot@vub.be.

1 The number of scholarships granted (max 2) will depend on the number of regular enrolments, as the overall number of participants is capped to ensure the programme's didactic quality. If more than two applications are received, they will be ranked for consideration.