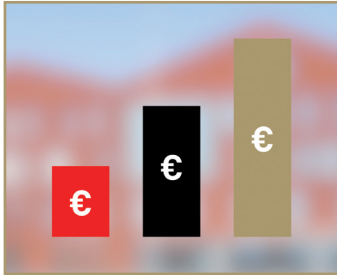




# Annual Review 2023



## Highlights 2023



**New levels for ASF scholarships** – The ASF introduced new scholarship levels to better support students in times of rising costs. Starting September 2024, ASF scholarship recipients can receive a full-ride or a standard-level scholarship. The new, full-ride scholarships cover living costs on top of tuition fees, ensuring that students receive adequate financial support to make the most of their AUC experience.



**First recipient of Talent Fellowship** – The Talent Fellowship at AUC (TFA) was launched in 2023, introducing a three-year talent development programme for Dutch students from communities currently underrepresented in higher education. Its Talent Fellows receive a tailored mentoring programme and are financially supported through the ASF. The first ASF Talent Fellow joined AUC in September 2023.



**Thao Lam appointed as ASF Board member** – AUC graduate (Class of 2016) Thao Lam started her tenure on the ASF Board: “My goal is to support the board in decision making and fundraising efforts, so that students get the help they need and enjoy their AUC experience to the fullest.” Thao Lam graduated with a Sciences major from AUC and is a PhD candidate and project manager at Amsterdam Public Health.



**ASF supported 68 students in 2023** – The ASF awarded 24 new scholarships to applicants in the 2022-2023 academic year. A total of 68 AUC students received an AUC scholarship during the academic year, representing 35 different nationalities, including 7 Dutch students. 56 students received a full ASF scholarship, while 12 students received a partial ASF scholarship.

## Lasting impact: 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 underrepresented students. Each year, the AUC Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to students on the basis of 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 due to their financial circumstances. The ASF is funded by donations from a variety of sponsors, stakeholders and individuals. This generous support has allowed the ASF to support hundreds of students in completing their undergraduate studies at Amsterdam University College and setting them up for success after graduation.

## Meet ASF recipients from the incoming class

Each year, the ASF is honoured to welcome a new cohort of talented students from across the world. During the 2023 Introduction Week, the new ASF scholarship recipients were introduced to AUC and to each other during a dedicated welcome lunch with AUC’s Dean, Prof. Dr. Martin van Hees, and Gerylaine Campos, AUC’s Alumni and External Relations Officer. With 35 nationalities represented, each ASF student has a unique profile and story. Some of the new first-year ASF scholarship recipients who started their studies in September 2023 are highlighted here.

### **RASUL** RUSSIA SCIENCES

“I have met so many amazing people that have shaped my perception on many essential aspects of my life. AUC also allowed me to get good education from people that love what they do and with people that love what they study. It is an amazing combination that motivates me.”



## More stories of incoming scholarship recipients



### SOFIJA

LATVIA  
SCIENCES

“The scholarship has had tremendous impact on my experience. I don’t know if I would have been able to study at AUC without it. The scholarship has taken the huge stress and financial burden away from my family. It’s really comforting to know that there is going to be enough, even if my family’s finances stumble.”

### BAO

VIETNAM  
SOCIAL SCIENCES

“Without the ASF scholarship, my dream to study Liberal Arts & Sciences in Europe would not come true. My family wouldn’t be able to cover the tuition fee. With the help of ASF, I feel more assured about financial matters, so I can focus on pursuing my academic journey.”



### GABRIELLA

HUNGARY  
SOCIAL SCIENCES

“My name is Gabriella and I am from Hungary. I am combining my Social Sciences major with classes from Humanities and Sciences. The ASF scholarship makes it possible to make the best out of my university experience. I can focus on studying Liberal Arts & Sciences and also get to know wonderful people by attending student-led events.”



### MANDAKH

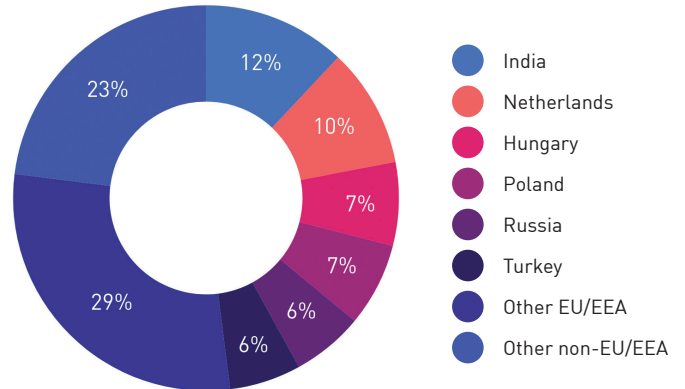
MONGOLIA  
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“The ASF scholarship is one of the key factors that I’m studying at AUC today. The scholarship has been a transformative aspect of my AUC experience. It has alleviated financial pressures, allowing me to fully immerse myself in my studies.”



## Facts and figures 2023

Students with an ASF scholarship	68
Average ASF scholarship amount (EUR)	10,778
Full scholarships	56
Partial scholarships	12
Total amount of ASF scholarships awarded (EUR)	732,874
Number of different nationalities	35



## ASF Board 2023

The AUC Scholarship Fund is an independent foundation under Dutch law and is overseen by the ASF Board. Members of the ASF Board during the 2023 calendar year included:

- Prof. Dr. Jeroen Geurts (Rector Magnificus, VU) (Chair)
- Jan Lintsen (Vice President of the Executive Board, UvA)
- Viktor Bos (Member of the Amsterdam Economic Board)
- Delia de Vreeze (Director University Relations & Fundraising, VU)
- Thao Lam (AUC graduate)

Maryam Alaoui (AUC graduate) left the ASF Board in January 2023. On behalf of AUC, we thank Maryam Alaoui for her efforts as part of ASF Board and the AUC community.

## Supporting the AUC Scholarship Fund

As an independent foundation, the AUC Scholarship Fund thanks its success to its supporters. This year, the ASF was sponsored by University of Amsterdam, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Royal Schiphol Group and Amsterdam University College. The fundraisers organised by the AUC Student Association (AUCSA) and the AUC Alumni Association (AUCAA) have been highly valued by the ASF community.

The ASF is a Public Benefit Organisation (in Dutch: ANBI). If you are considering to become a sponsor, please reach out to Gerylaine Campos, Alumni & External Relations Officer. Email: [g.campos@auc.nl](mailto:g.campos@auc.nl).

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