

## Information on Stichting AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF)



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(commonly known as "the AUC Scholarship Fund" or "ASF")

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The ASF has its own pages on the AUC website:  
<https://www.auc.nl/auc-scholarship-fund/auc-scholarship-fund.html>

### **Mission (*doelstelling*)**

The mission of the Stichting AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF) is to support excellence and diversity in the AUC student body by facilitating access to the AUC programme for talented low-income and underrepresented students. It aims to achieve this by acquisition of financial resources (sponsorship, donations and gifts) to support the awarding of scholarships to AUC students, both Dutch and international.

### **Governing body (*bestuur*)**

The ASF's governing body is the ASF Board. The ASF Board has a minimum of three members. They are appointed by the governing body of AUC (AUC Board). At least one ASF Board member is a member of the Executive Board (*College van Bestuur*) of the University of Amsterdam, and at least one ASF Board member is a member of the Executive Board (*College van Bestuur*) of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

### **ASF Board members 2024**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Jeroen Geurts (VU Executive Board)  
Secretary and Treasurer: Jan Lintsen (UvA Executive Board)  
Member: Delia de Vreeze  
Member: Viktor Bos  
Member: Thao Lam (AUC graduate)

### **Remuneration policy (*beloningsbeleid*)**

None of the ASF Board members receives any remuneration for their activities. Reasonable expenses, if claimed, are paid by AUC and not by the AUC Scholarship Fund.

### **Main policy lines (*hoofdpijnen van het beleidsplan*)**

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 and underrepresented students who might otherwise be prevented from accepting their place at AUC because of their financial circumstances. Students already at AUC may also apply for a scholarship if their financial situation changes. The ASF Board's current target is to award scholarships to around 6% of the AUC student body.

In 2023 the ASF launched the Talent Fellowship at AUC (TFA) that aims to empower the next generation of talented Dutch students from communities that are underrepresented in higher education, including first-generation students, students with a migration background, and refugee students. Talent Fellows receive a scholarship and participate in a tailor-made talent development programme.

A Selection Committee appointed by the ASF Board considers the applications for ASF scholarships and TFAs and makes a recommendation to the ASF Board.

The ASF Selection Committee consists of a minimum of two AUC staff members, a minimum of two (corporate) sponsor members, and an independent chair person. All corporate sponsors are invited to appoint a representative to the Selection Committee. In 2024, the Selection Committee is chaired by Beer Schröder (former Adviser to the Board of Directors, Nuffic).

The ASF scholarships and TFAs run for three years (AUC students are expected to graduate within three years), with renewal each year conditional on the AUC student maintaining a good academic standard.

### **Report on activities (*actueel verslag van de uitgeoefende activiteiten*)**

Please see the Annual Review document published by the ASF, available from the AUC website:

<https://www.auc.nl/auc-scholarship-fund/about/about-asf.html>

(see download link towards bottom of page)

## Chamber of Commerce (KvK)

The ASF is registered at the Chamber of Commerce under number 34340453.

## RSIN/Fiscal number

Stichting AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF): 820783225.

## ANBI status

The Stichting AUC Scholarship Fund (ASF) is designated as an ANBI (Public Benefit Organisation) in the Netherlands since 1 January 2015. An ANBI is a church, religious, charitable, cultural, scientific or other institution that serves the general interest of society. Donations of goods or money to an ANBI may be tax deductible for the donor.

[Link to Dutch tax office information on ANBIs \(in Dutch\)](#)

[Link to Dutch tax office information on ANBIs \(in English\)](#)

## Financial accountability (*financieel verantwoording*)

The ASF is supported entirely by donations from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the University of Amsterdam, AUC, the city of Amsterdam, the AUC Student Association (AUCSA), the AUC Alumni Association (AUCAA), gifts from the corporate sector, and individual gifts. All monies received are destined to be paid out in scholarships. The ASF aims to maintain a contingency reserve that, in the event of all donations ceasing, would be sufficient to pay out all existing scholarship commitments for the full three years. The annual financial report of the ASF is adopted each year by the ASF Board, and signed by all ASF Board members.

<b>BALANCE</b>			
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Bank Account	€ 1,637,670	€ 1,830,345	€ 1,901,626
Receivables	€ 129,781	€ 3,940	€ 116,830
	<b>€ 1,767,451</b>	<b>€ 1,834,285</b>	<b>€ 2,018,456</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Equity (general reserve)	€ 1,767,387	€ 1,830,498	€ 2,011,662
Payables	€ 64	€ 3,787	€ 6,794
Amounts received in advance	€ 0	€ 0	€ 0
	<b>€ 1,767,451</b>	<b>€ 1,834,285</b>	<b>€ 2,018,456</b>
	on 31 December	on 31 December	on 31 December
Number of ASF scholarship holders	62	65	66
% of student body	7%	8%	8%
Average ASF scholarship amount	€ 12,047	€ 11,256	€ 13,900
Number TFA	1	0	
<b>STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS</b>			
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Corporate sponsorship	€ 2,500		
VU/UVA/AUC contribution	€ 550,000	€ 550,000	€ 550,000
Other donations/bookings	€ 120,806	-€ 3,650	€ 772
Bank interest	€ 14,498		
Total income	<b>€ 687,804</b>	<b>€ 546,350</b>	<b>€ 550,772</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Scholarships	€ 750,151	€ 720,993	€ 641,008
Bank charges	€ 764	€ 6,521	€ 8,849
Total expenditure	<b>€ 750,915</b>	<b>€ 727,514</b>	<b>€ 649,857</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>-€ 63,111</b>	<b>-€ 181,164</b>	<b>-€ 99,085</b>