



Netherlands-Asia Honours Summer School 2025

Information for TU/e students

Are you an ambitious, entrepreneurial and a second- or third-year undergraduate student? Are you interested in learning more about China and Southeast Asia? Do you want to visit and conduct a consultancy project for one of the major multinationals and ministries partnering our program? Then the Netherlands-Asia Honours Summer School (NAHSS) might be something for you!

The NAHSS is a unique collaboration connecting a variety of Dutch universities, four ministries and more than a dozen Dutch and Asian multinationals.

The Netherlands-Asia Honours Summer School (NAHSS) is a national honours program that aims to prepare excellent Dutch students for a future with Southeast Asia and China as big players on the global stage. During the NAHSS program, the participants conduct research and work on projects assigned by our partners. All projects focus on Asia and are closely related to the overarching theme of the NAHSS edition. Every year, this overarching theme is a topic relevant for both the Netherlands and Asia. In 2025, the theme will be **Sustaining Supply & Innovation**. Click [here](#) to read more about this theme.

When:

The NAHSS program starts in March 2025 with a Kick-Off weekend, in which the selected students will get to know each other. This marks the starts of the consultancy project (5-10 hours per week) from March until June 2025. The preparatory track in the Netherlands consist of conducting a consultancy project for one of our partners, a masterclass, inhouse days at our partners, lectures from Southeast Asia and China experts, soft skills training by one of the consultancy partners, and cultural activities such as the optional Chinese lessons. The summer program is the highlight of every NAHSS edition, which takes places during the Dutch summer holiday. For the NAHSS 2025, the summer program starts with a two-day Take-Off in the Netherlands where the students follow lectures and workshops at Dutch Universities. After this, participants travel to **Hong Kong and Ho Chi Minh City** for three to four weeks in July and August. Students will experience the academic world, business life and culture themselves during the trip. In Asia, they will perform field work, visit various leading multinationals, take part in an academic program, visit the Dutch embassy, partake in cultural activities, and share knowledge and experiences among each other. The trip to Asia connects the various components of the NAHSS program to experience Asia in the best manner.

Costs:

The major part of the costs of the program is financed by the participating universities, ministries and business partners of the NAHSS program. In addition, participants are expected to **make a personal contribution of approximately €1200-1300** for the trip to Asia. (For details see www.nahss.nl) For this price, the NAHSS provides its participants with the flight to Asia, accommodation during the entire summer program in Asia, the summer school, events, company visits, training, guidance during the projects and access to the exclusive NAHSS network. Expenses on vaccinations, food, drinks and activities on your own initiative in Asia are at your own expense.

For personal experiences with the NAHSS program, you can contact our TU/e NAHSS ambassador who has participated in the NAHSS program in 2024:

Joris Mentink: j.j.g.h.mentink@student.tue.nl

Criteria that candidates for the Netherlands-Asia Honours Summer School have to meet:

2nd and 3rd year bachelor student (Students with a valid argument for their study-delay are also eligible to apply (e.g. program board, internship).

Fluent in English in speaking and writing.

Affinity with Southeast Asia and China.

Ambitious, social, active, open-minded and entrepreneurial.

Excellent student (the student meets at least one of the following criteria):

- Honors student

- Extracurricular activities
- Above average GPA (≥ 7.5 out of 10)

TU/e may nominate a maximum of *20 candidates* for the Netherlands-Asia Honours Summer School. The national NAHSS Selection Committee is responsible for the final selection. A **minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 students** per participating university will be selected to participate in the program.

Detailed information about the Netherlands-Asia Honours Summer School 2025 can be found at www.nahss.nl.

Important: The TU/e selection procedure for NAHSS is different from the general information on the NAHSS website. Please read the selection procedure of TU/e below carefully!

Selection procedure NAHSS 2025 at TU/e:

1. Registration process with (optional) guidance from Education and Student Affairs/International Office and Career Academy

The written NAHSS application consists of a number of documents:

- 2 short essays, 1 of which is on the theme of NAHSS 2025 'Sustaining Supply & Innovation' and 1 personal statement (max. 300 words each, both in English): for information and guidelines see www.nahss.nl;
- Curriculum Vitae (English);
- Official academic transcript + average from the start of your bachelor up until now;
- Video pitch (maximum 90 seconds, in English)

For more information see: <https://www.nahss.nl/nl/selection-criteria/>

In order to provide you with the best possible guidance in this process, ESA/Career Academy has **set up a Workshop CV NAHSS**. To participate in the Workshop CV NAHSS of the Career Academy, you can register **until December 10, 2024** by sending an email to p.g.j.v.d.vorst@tue.nl. The training will take place on **Wednesday December 18** from 14:00 – 16:00. After registration you will receive more information about the location of the workshop. It is useful to have a draft CV when you follow the workshop with which you can get started and get tips on.

The Career Academy also offers you the opportunity **to have your CV checked**. This can be done in person at the TU/e MyFuture Career Desk (MetaForum 1.370) from Monday through Thursday during the break (12:35-13:35) or online by sending an e-mail to careeracademy@tue.nl with the subject line 'CV NAHSS'.

2. Deadline for submitting the complete application package to NAHSS: please read the detailed application instructions on www.nahss.nl carefully. The deadline for uploading via www.nahss.nl is **January 9, 2025**.

3. Written selection round TU/e from 15 - 19 January 2025

In the period from 11 to 18 January, the written selection round will take place at TU/e. If you pass the written round, you will receive a personal invitation for the oral selection round.

4. In person selection round at TU/e campus on January 21, 2025 (afternoon)

The oral selection interviews, in the form of speed dating interviews, for students who have passed the written selection round will take place on Tuesday afternoon January 21, 2025. Students who are selected for this round will receive a personal invitation with information about the exact time and location.

Timeline NAHSS selection at TU/e:

29 November 2024	Presentation NAHSS including Q&A at TU/e (Corona hall, Luna, 12:45 – 13:30)
December - January:	Possibility CV check by Career Academy
18 December 2024:	Workshop CV NAHSS by Career Academy (optional)
9 January 2025:	Deadline for submission of application package NAHSS via www.nahss.nl
15-19 January 2025:	Written selection TU/e based on the application documents and pitch
23 January 2025:	Oral selection round TU/e (selected students will receive an invitation)
31 January 2025:	Announcement of the results of the university selection round by NAHSS
21 February 2025:	NAHSS Announces Final Selection of participants for NAHSS 2025

For questions about NAHSS 2025 and the selection procedure at TU/e:

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