

## Tips on what to do after you have graduated

There are several important practical matters that you need to think about after you have graduated. Consider, for example, arranging comprehensive health insurance and liability insurance, applying for benefits if applicable, or paying back your student loan. We have summarized several important considerations below, and also offer various useful tips regarding career coaching and opportunities for further education abroad.

### Insurance

Most students receive student loans during their time at the TU/e, and you may have taken out student healthcare insurance. Once you have graduated, you no longer receive a student loan and your healthcare insurance will lapse, unless you have a job (full or part-time) and continue to work in this position. Even before your graduation ceremony, it is a good idea to start looking into your options regarding health insurance after you have completed your studies. The policy terms differ per individual, the situation, type of insurance and insurer. An overview and comparison of policies is available on: [www.verzekeringssite.nl/zorgverzekering](http://www.verzekeringssite.nl/zorgverzekering).

### Benefits

If you are intending to apply for benefits, you must register with the Employee Insurance Agency (UWV). You may be eligible for social security payments (*Algemene Bijstandsuitkering*, ABW) from the social services (*Gemeentelijke Sociale Dienst*).

If you have work experience, you may also be eligible for unemployment benefit (*Werkloosheidsuitkering*, WW). Your employment history will also be examined for this. The type of benefit you receive is dependent on the number of years you worked in the five calendar years prior to becoming unemployed. More information is available from the UWV.

In this case, you can consider the UWV or Gemeentelijke Sociale Dienst as your employer. This means that you are also insured. More information is available at: <http://www.uwv.nl> or <http://www.werk.nl>.

### Career coaching after graduation

The TU/e Career Academy welcomes both students and graduates who have questions related to their career. Up to six months after your graduation, you have free access to all career support offered by the TU/e Career Academy. Alongside career workshops and individual coaching, the TU/e Career Academy also offers support with checking your CV, job application letter and LinkedIn profile. More information about what the TU/e Career Academy has to offer you and for making an online appointment, you can visit the [TU/e Career Academy web page](#).

If you would like to get into contact with companies, you can also get in touch with TU/e Technificent. They perform an intermediary function between students and companies

### Grants for further education or research outside the Netherlands

The European Union, the Dutch government and numerous foundations offer various grants for students interested in further education, an internship and/or research abroad. Some of these grants are outlined below. You may be eligible for these grants once you complete your Master's program.

- **Leonardo da Vinci grants for graduate internships**

The Leonardo da Vinci Program offers grants for everyone who is available to enter the job market, including recent graduates.

An international internship at a company or institution is not only beneficial to your personal development, it also improves your chances in the job market.

The internship must be in another European country than the Netherlands.

Length of the internship: at least 2 weeks and a maximum of 26 weeks.

More information:

TU/e Regional Leonardo Bureau (TU/e-RLB)

Tel. nr.: +31 (0)40 247 8087

[rlb@tue.nl](mailto:rlb@tue.nl)

<https://www.tue.nl/tue-campus/starten-ondernemen/reconfirm-tue/leonardo-da-vinci/procedure/>

- **VSBfonds grants**

The VSBfonds grants were introduced by VSBfonds. A VSBfonds grant offers financial support to allow you to study or conduct research abroad after you have completed your Master's program. The annual deadline for registration is 1 March.

For more information, please contact:

drs. Ms Petri van de Vorst (ESA/IO), tel. nr.: +31 (0)40 247 4747, email: [io@tue.nl](mailto:io@tue.nl)

For full terms and conditions, see: [www.vsbfonds.nl/beurzen](http://www.vsbfonds.nl/beurzen).

***More information about studying or research and internships after graduation:***

Education and Student Affairs, International Relations Office, tel: +31 (0)40 247 4747,

email: [io@tue.nl](mailto:io@tue.nl)

### **Notebook**

Did you participate in the TU/e Notebook Plan during your study? Once you have graduated, the obligation associated with the Plan lapses. Your notebook is then paid off, although it is not possible to sell your notebook back to the TU/e.

Once you are no longer a student, you are also no longer entitled to use the ICT facilities at the TU/e.

You therefore need to have the software uninstalled from your notebook. Remember to visit ICT Services/Student within 5 days of the termination of your enrollment to have the software uninstalled.

If you do this later, it will cost you €50 per month.

### **Keep your student email address for a maximum period of one year**

After graduation, it is possible to continue to use your student email address for a maximum period of one year after your enrollment is terminated. In order to keep your student email address, you should register on the TU/e Alumni portal within one month. After you have been deregistered by Education and Student Affairs of the TU/e you will receive an e-mail "Welcome to the TU/e Alumni community!" at your student email address, where you can read more about the TU/e Alumni portal.

You can register from the moment you have officially passed your program. To register: go to [www.tue.nl/alumniportal](http://www.tue.nl/alumniportal) and click on 'Click and activate your profile'. After this you will be asked to complete a few steps and you will be asked to check and / or fill in your details. Upon completion of your registration, your student email address will be automatically renewed for one year. If you do not register on the TU/e Alumni portal within one month, the student e-mail address will be deleted one month after your enrollment is terminated from TU/e. Please note! After this one-month period your student email address is deleted and cannot be retrieved.

### **Canceling student loan with the Education Executive Agency (DUO)**

The TU/e automatically informs DUO that you have obtained your degree. Please note that you are required to cancel your student loan or grant yourself. Visit the DUO website for more information:

<https://www.duo.nl/particulier>.

### **Young Alumni Network**

Alumni who register on Alumninet are automatically added to the TU/e Young Alumni Network (YAN).

Run by and for young alumni, YAN is a network that supports your personal development. The network organizes lectures, workshops, company visits and drinks receptions, offering you the opportunity to share your experiences with other alumni and extend your own network. More

information for alumni is available at <https://www.tue.nl/universiteit/alumni/>