

**CULTURAL CONSULTATIONS - THE NETHERLANDS/CANADA
CONSULTATIONS CULTURELLES - PAYS-BAS/CANADA**

Secteur de coopération Programme:	Domaine d'activité Field of Activity:
Academic Relations	Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships offered by the Government of Canada

Description:

Three awards are offered to The Netherlands under the Government of Canada Awards Programme. The awards are to enable Dutch scholars of high academic standing to undertake post-graduate studies or post-doctoral research in Canadian institutions. Included under the programme are all areas of the arts, humanities, the social, physical and biological sciences and engineering.

Origine/Background:

In 1985-86 two awards were used for renewals with one non-renewable new award being granted. In 1986-87 two awards will also be used for renewals with one non-renewable new award being granted. In 1987-88 it is expected that only one award will be used for renewal with two non-renewable new awards being granted.

Objectifs/Objectives:**Décision et mise en oeuvre/Decision and Implementation:**Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships offered by the Government of Canada

The Canadian side referred to severe budget cuts experienced since the 1984 Canada-Netherlands Cultural Consultations. These forced major across-the-board reductions in the reciprocal Government of Canada Awards Program for Foreign Nationals under which Canada had been pleased to offer 8 awards of up to 12 months to nationals of the Netherlands. Regrettably, the budget cuts resulted in a reduction in Canadian awards to scholars from the Netherlands to only three. While being unable to make a firm commitment, the Canadian side registered cautious optimism that Canadian awards to scholars from the Netherlands may well be increased to six, depending upon a current initiative to obtain new funding for this purpose, the outcome of which should be known within the next few months.

The Netherlands side registered its regret that the reduction was made without consultation and expressed its satisfaction with the efforts being made to redress at least partially the situation.

Re-alignment of Reciprocity for Awards Programs

Should the Canadian side be successful in obtaining new funding to permit recovery of lost ground on its offer of scholarships to scholars from the Netherlands, the two sides will arrange consultations to determine how best to establish quotas and parity for academic year 1987/88 and beyond.

Institutions et Organismes/Organizations and Institutions:

Academic Relations Division
Department of External Affairs
World University Services of Canada

**Financement
Financing:****Calendrier, suivi
Schedule, follow-up:**