

## Quality Guidelines – Motivation Nuffic Scholarship

In your application you will have to answer three questions (see below).

- ✓ Pay careful attention to the formulation of your answers.
- ✓ Be specific and base your answers on factual information.
- ✓ Your motivation must align to the country focus of the Embassy of The Netherlands in your country.

Through the various stages of the application, the answers to these questions will be closely scrutinized.

### **Question 1: What is the problem you want to address in your country or the issue faced by your organization?**

Give a brief outline (minimum of 50 and maximum of 1000 characters) of the issue or problem hindering the development of your country. Indicate how you would like to contribute to solving this problem, using the knowledge and expertise gained by attending the course you are applying for. Use the following information as guideline to your answer

- What: What do I want to accomplish?
- Why: Specific reasons or benefits of solving the issue. Identify requirements and constraints
- Who: Who is involved? How is your organisation related to this problem?
- Where: Identify a location

### **Question 2. How will the course enable you to address the issue(s) within your organization?**

Explain (in minimum 50 and maximum 1000 characters) what knowledge and expertise you expect to gain from the course and how this specific knowledge and expertise can contribute to solving the issue or problem. Think about the relation between the course and the problem you identified in the first question.

- Read the course information and learning objectives
- Translate this to your work situation and the issue/problem at hand.
- Do no copy text from our website (or any other site). Make your motivation your own words.
- Be realistic in what you can accomplish and in which timeframe
- Keep it relevant and achievable

**Question 3. Please explain your plans to put the newly acquired knowledge and skills to use after the study period. How will the position you hold within your organization enable you to address the issue upon your return?**

Explain (in minimum 50 and maximum 1000 characters why and how your position within your organization will enable you to address the issue or problem with the knowledge gained from the course. Answer the following questions:

- How can you include the gained knowledge to address the problem identified?
- Take into consideration your tasks and responsibilities and your circle of influence (as mentioned on the employer statement and application form)
- Be clear how your plans are in accordance with the mission, activities and ambitions of your employer.
- Details of the implementation must be provided in the Plan of Activities which forms parts of the Employer's Statement).