

Scholarship available for MA in Development Studies for LGBTI activists (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans* and inter* persons)

The German NGO [Dreilinden gGmbH](#) has granted the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam ([ISS](#)) again two scholarships for capacity building in the area of decent work, social inclusion and sexuality discourses for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans* and inter* (LGBTI) persons.

Dreilinden provides two scholarships for MA students from the Global South and East. The selected applicants will participate in the 2017/2018 [ISS MA Programme](#) in Development Studies, in the major Social Policy for Development (SPD). Eligible applicants are nationals of a developing or transition country and have a documented background in work for human/labour rights for LGBTI persons and/or social movements for sexual diversity. We invite applications on the following three topics:

1. How are inequalities based on sexuality (re)produced in school, the labour market, and the institutions (laws, social norms) that govern these spheres of life?
2. How do 'western' identity categories (LGBT) relate to the actual experiences and identities of people in different parts of the world, including migrants, in relation to sexuality, and what (problematic) effects do they have in terms of who is included and excluded, what are the conditions of inclusion (and who has the power to define those).
3. How is sexual diversity understood (or not) in development policy and how does that change local discourses on sexuality or does it influence social movements around sexual diversity?

The scholarship covers all study-related expenditures, including the fee, travel, lodging, and meals, for the whole 15.5 month study period (1 September 2017 – 15 December 2018).

To apply, you should first apply to the ISS MA program. Only when you are admitted to the ISS, in the major Social Policy for Development, you are eligible for the Dreilinden Fellowship.

You can send in your application for the Dreilinden Fellowship to Dr Wendy Harcourt, via e-mail at harcourt@iss.nl.

Your application should consist of the following three elements:

- motivation letter, engaging with one or more of the three topics mentioned above
- your CV
- the admission letter for the 2017-2018 MA program (SPD) from the ISS

Please ensure that you provide evidence of your own LGBTI activism, because that is a requirement of the scholarship.

The application deadline for the Dreilinden-ISS Scholarship is on April 30, 2017.

General admission requirements for the ISS MA Programme as well as information about the application procedure can be found at

http://www.iss.nl/prospective_students/academic_requirements/

All inquiries about the ISS MA Programme can be directed to the [ISS Student Office](#) at student.office@iss.nl.

For more information about the Dreilinden-ISS scholarship, please contact Irene van Staveren via e-mail at staveren@iss.nl or phone +31-70-4260 602.