

TU Delft Excellence Scholarships for international talent

On 8 September 2011 TU Delft welcomed 24 new scholarship recipients. During a special reception, these international students were introduced to staff members and fellow students. In his word of welcome, the Rector Magnificus, professor Karel Luyben, said he was proud to receive such talented students at the TU Delft: "It is your quality, ambitions and knowledge we want to encourage. So that you can become true TU Delft ambassadors and experience a magnificent continuation of your careers in science or technology".



The event took place in the Faculty Room of TU Delft's Science Centre, a venue where the university's past and future meet in stylish surroundings. The Science Centre is located in the former building of the Faculty of Mining Engineering and Petroleum Extraction.

Christopher Watson (USA), who will be studying in the Faculty of Applied Sciences, said he was very happy to be in Delft because as an international student it offers him the unique opportunity to experience a new culture while benefitting from excellent teaching and state-of-the-art research facilities.

And Agustin Ortega Garcia (Mexico, Faculty of Civil Engineering) remarked, that he looked forward to studying in Delft: "You should try things in order to achieve new heights. I want to improve myself and this MSc in Civil Engineering will help me reach that goal. What better place to learn about Hydraulics than in the Netherlands?"

Twelve of these 24 students received a scholarship from the Justus and Louise van Effen foundation. The others were awarded scholarships by the Delft Research-based Initiatives (DRIs). These research initiatives in the domains Health, Energy, Environment and Infrastructures & Mobility, were set up to pay extra attention to developing solutions for today's major scientific and social issues. This was reflected in the fields of study of the candidates chosen, they all show a firm interest in and background related to one of the four research domains

New scholarships for 2012

The start of the new academic year also heralds the start of the search for next year's scholarship candidates. For 2012 the number of TU Delft Excellence Scholarships has been greatly increased. Sixteen scholarships will be awarded by the Justus and Louise van Effen foundation, and another sixteen by the Delft Research-based Initiatives. New for 2012 will be a further eight scholarships to be awarded by TU Delft's soon-to-be-founded research themes for Transport, Climate, Process Technology, and Robotics. With these research themes, and with the scholarships connected to them, TU Delft aims to focus on strong and integrated themes, enabling the university to show how it can offer solutions in the worlds of climate, process, technology, transport and robotics.

All in all, TU Delft hopes to welcome a total of 40 new scholarship students in September 2012. With these scholarships TU Delft underwrites the need to invest in scientific top talent. TU Delft thus wishes to contribute to a global network of talented and driven researchers and developers that can address today's scientific challenges and help create a safe, healthy and prosperous future for us all.

More information about scholarship opportunities at TU Delft: www.scholarships.tudelft.nl.