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.

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 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)
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:
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For full terms and conditions, see: 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

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.

Keeping a student email address for up to 1 year
After you have graduated, you can choose to immediately give up your student email address, or to continue using it for a maximum of one year after your enrollment is terminated. In order to communicate your choice, you need to register as an alumnus on Alumninet. You can register once you have officially passed your program. To register, visit www.tue.nl/alumnus and click on ‘Registreren in Alumninet’ (‘Register for Alumninet’). You will then be asked to complete a few steps and to check and/or complete your details.

Approximately two weeks after you have terminated your enrollment at TU/e Education and Student Affairs, an email will be sent to your student email address explaining how you can keep this email address. This option will only appear in Alumninet once you have received this email. You can find the option under the tab ‘privé adresgegevens’ (‘private address details’) under the menu ‘actualiseren gegevens’ (‘update details’). You can subsequently enter your choice in the field ‘beëindigen student e-mailadres’ (‘cancel student email address”).

If you do not indicate your choice in Alumninet, the student email address will be canceled at the same time as your other account entitlements (access to home and web directories), namely one month after termination of enrollment at the TU/e. Please note! Please note that after this one-month period, your student email address will be deleted, and it cannot be reinstated.

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/