

Selection and Placement: Nanobiology 2024-2025

Frequently Asked Questions

1. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

What are the admission requirements for Nanobiology?

To be admitted to the Nanobiology BSc programme, you will need to have either:

- A Dutch pre-university (VWO) diploma with NT profile with Biology *or*
- A Dutch pre-university (VWO) diploma with NG profile with Mathematics B (Wiskunde B) and Physics
- A secondary school diploma considered equivalent to the Dutch pre-university diploma (VWO). Please check the [Admission requirements](#) for Nanobiology.

I have a diploma from a non-Dutch secondary school. How can I find out whether I meet the application requirements?

Please check [Admissions and applications](#) for further information regarding non-Dutch diplomas.

Am I allowed to start in the second year of Nanobiology via another BSc programme?

No, the design and curriculum of the Nanobiology programme do not allow you to start in the second or third year via another BSc programme.

2. DEFICIENCIES

How can I eliminate deficiencies in my (VWO) course profile?

There are a number of institutes at which you can complete courses that will eliminate your deficiencies in Mathematics B (Wiskunde B), Physics, Chemistry or Biology, such as Boswell-Beta. Please see [Eliminating deficiencies](#) for further information.

Is a CCVX exam sufficient?

Yes, taking a [CCVX exam](#) (*staatsexamen*) is one way to eliminate any possible deficiencies.

By what date will I have to eliminate any deficiencies?

If you receive a letter of acceptance (*bewijs van toelating*), you will need to meet all of the admission requirements by 15 July.

For questions about admission, deficiencies, diplomas and deadlines please contact
ESA Contact Centre, <https://www.tudelft.nl/studenten/administratie/contact-centre> , contactcentre-esa@tudelft.nl



3. ENROLMENT AND DE-ENROLMENT

Will I need to apply to two universities if I want to enrol in Nanobiology?

The Nanobiology programme is a joint degree programme. This means that you should apply to **one** university and you will be automatically enrolled at both. You must apply for the programme at TU Delft via Studielink by 15 January at the latest. TU Delft will arrange your enrolment at Erasmus University Rotterdam; you do not need to do this yourself. Please note that the Nanobiology joint degree at both universities counts as only one numerus clausus programme.

When does registration for the selection procedure count as participation?

You use one participation opportunity:

- If you submit an active request for enrolment by 15 January and complete the entire selection procedure.
- If you submit an active request for enrolment by 15 January but withdraw after 15 January, or if you do not participate in part of the selection procedure.

You also use one participation opportunity if fraud is committed during the selection procedure, or if you fail to verify your personal details in time.

You do not use a participation opportunity if you withdraw your registration by 15 January and if you do not participate in the selection procedure.

I applied for Nanobiology but I would like to change my enrolment to a programme without a numerus clausus. What should I do?

You can change your registration to another Bachelor's programme (without a numerus clausus) through [Studielink](#) before 1 May.

I would like to apply for two different programmes that both have a numerus clausus. Is this possible?

Yes, you are allowed to apply for a maximum of two programmes that have a numerus clausus per academic year.

My first preference is for Medicine (Geneeskunde), but I would like to study Nanobiology if I do not get a place in Medicine. Is that possible?

You are allowed to apply for a maximum of two programmes that have a numerus clausus. Depending on the programme(s) for which you are selected and offered a place, you will be able to enrol. If you are accepted to both programmes, you will be able to choose.

Unfortunately, I have not been accepted. I have now applied for another programme. How can I cancel my application for Nanobiology?

You can cancel your application in [Studielink](#): log on to Studielink and select 'My Study Programme' from the menu. Click on the 'Delete' button and then choose 'Withdraw enrolment application' to cancel your application. Please note: cancel your enrolment for Nanobiology at TU Delft only. You will be automatically de-enrolled from Erasmus University Rotterdam.



4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

What is the maximum number of students that can be admitted?

For the 2024-2025 academic year, a fixed quota of 120 new students will be admitted.

Will a lottery be held in addition to the selection procedure?

No, we will only use the selection procedure.

Do I have to participate in the selection procedure?

Yes, everyone has to participate in the selection procedure.

What does the selection procedure entail?

You can find more information about the selection procedure [here](#).

I am not available on the day of the Selection Exam. Could I take the exam on another day?

If you are not able to take the selection exam online on the designated date, and you think you have a solid reason, you can submit a request for an alternative. Only in very special cases (e.g. illness, personal circumstances, school exams) an alternative date will be offered. The candidate must provide proof of the reason for their absence. The Selection Committee will look at each request and decide whether an alternative date can be granted. Once you take part in the selection procedure (mid-January) you will be informed by the Nanobiology Selection Team how and when to submit a request.

When will I be informed of the results?

If you have properly participated in the whole selection procedure (online questionnaire and selection exam) you will receive your final ranking number on April 15th through Studielink.

What are my chances of being accepted?

This depends on various factors, which means that we are unable to comment on this.

How can I prepare for the selection procedure?

The selection procedure focuses on your reasons for applying and having the right qualities to become a good nanobiologist. Part of the purpose of the selection procedure is to give you an idea of what to expect of our programme and to check if this matches your interests and skills.

It is not needed to prepare for the online questionnaire, but make sure you keep an eye on the deadline and to get the needed documents ready to upload in time. For the selection exam, we offer you study material, consisting of reading material and a lecture video which you should study in preparation.

I am dyslexic, have a learning disability or a temporary circumstance. Am I allowed more time for the exam?

Sufficient time has been allotted to take the selection exam. If needed, reasonable facilities can be provided to candidates with a learning disability, e.g. dyslexia (as referred to in the Higher Education and Research Act, WHW). If you are diagnosed with dyslexia or another learning disability, you can apply for extended examination time.

Once you take part in the selection procedure (mid-January) you will be informed by the Nanobiology Selection Team how and when to submit a request for extra time.



What kind of students are we looking for?

As a Nanobiology student, you have an inquiring, inquisitive mindset and a strong interest in mathematics, physics and biology. You want to contribute to ground-breaking research in the near future and you are willing to work hard to reach that goal. If you recognise the following characteristics in yourself, then the Bachelor's in Nanobiology is the programme for you!

- You have a high aptitude for mathematics, physics and biology
- You are a team player
- You have a good grasp of English
- You would enjoy exploring a new area at the interface of biology, mathematics, physics and technology
- You have curiosity about intracellular processes
- You have a desire to contribute to Biomedicine
- You are not afraid of a challenge

How can I improve my chances of being selected?

There is no way to improve your chances of being selected. We are looking for students who have the potential to become skilled and professional nanobiologists. The selection procedure allows us to gauge whether you have this potential. The key thing is to be motivated and to have the right basic knowledge and skills.

In the past, I was not accepted by another programme with a selection procedure or central lottery system (*centrale loting*). Am I still allowed to register for the Nanobiology selection procedure?

Yes, if you have not used all your attempts, you are allowed to participate in the Nanobiology selection procedure. In total, you can participate in a selection procedure a maximum of two times (per academic year).

5. GRADES

Are my final school grades taken into account in the selection procedure?

Your grades from 5 VWO or from high school of your home country only play a minor role in the whole selection procedure.

I have a GPA of 8 for my final school grades. Will I be admitted automatically?

No, candidates will not be admitted automatically.

6. I HAVE A RANKING NUMBER BETWEEN 1 AND 120

If I have a ranking number less than 120, will I definitely be accepted?

No, having a ranking number less than 120 does not guarantee that you will be accepted. Studielink will inform you as to whether or not you have officially been accepted into the Nanobiology BSc programme. Also, keep in mind that one needs to fulfil all admission requirements and a finalized enrolment to be able to start the programme.

7. I HAVE NOT BEEN SELECTED



I was not selected for the Nanobiology programme this year. Am I allowed to register again for the Nanobiology selection procedure for the next academic year?

Yes, you are allowed to participate in the Nanobiology selection procedure a maximum of two times.

I do not agree with my final ranking number and wish to object. What should I do?

If you wish to object to a decision, you must submit a letter of objection within a period of six weeks after 15 April and send it to Selection-BSc-NB@tudelft.nl. A letter of objection must include the following:

- Your name, address, telephone number, student number, email address
- Your signature and the date
- A description of the decision to which the objection is being made (enclose or attach a copy of the decision)
- The grounds on which you wish to object (arguments as to why the decision was not the correct one)

What programme should I choose now to improve my chances for next year?

There is no other programme that can help to improve your chances of being selected for Nanobiology.

8. I HAVE A QUESTION THAT IS NOT COVERED ABOVE

Please see the website <https://www.studiekeuze123.nl/selectie> (Dutch only). This site offers a lot of detailed information about the numerous clausus and also has a FAQ page, <https://www.studiekeuze123.nl/veelgestelde-vragen-over-selectie>

Please send all other questions about the Nanobiology selection procedure to Selection-BSc-NB@tudelft.nl.

For all other questions regarding the Nanobiology programme, e.g. about the curriculum and the admission requirements, please visit [our website](#) or send an email to info-BSc-NB@tudelft.nl

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