

Requirements civic engagement activities eligible for acknowledgement

Students may apply for acknowledgement through a link to the website provided for this purpose. The activity will be acknowledged through a decision of the director of the SSC if the following criteria are met:

1. The activity contributes to the development of the student through one or more of the GCEd dimensions; These dimensions have been established by UM and are available at: <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/global-citizenship-education/global-citizenship-education>;
2. The activity requires at least 28 hours of student participation;
3. The activity may not require payment for the student to participate, except if the organisation charges a membership fee;
4. The student's involvement is entirely voluntary and/or not part of mandatory activities for any membership;
5. The activity has a positive social impact on society and/or nature (e.g. providing hot meals for low-income groups or environmental clean-ups), at the discretion of Director SSC;
6. Time frame; student should complete the activity within 12 months of its start. Student must submit a reflection within 3 months of the end of the activity, including when the start of the activity was started and when it was completed and;
7. The person/organisation with whom the student completed the activity must confirm that student has met the requirements including the minimum number of hours.

In the following cases, the activity will not be acknowledged and a rejection decision by the director of the SSC will follow a request for acknowledgement:

1. The activity violates UM's core values (inclusion, respect, integrity, social responsibility, sustainability), at the discretion of the SSC director;
2. The activity takes place in the family/home situation (e.g. informal care);
3. The activity is (largely) a party or get-together exclusively or largely for one's own organisation;
4. The student does not have a valid registration at the time the activity is performed and/or at the time the recognition is obtained;
5. Other activities not explicitly included in this article, but not corresponding to the intended type of activities for which the possibility of acknowledgement has been created.

Other provisions:

1. The activity does not provide the student with a salary. A volunteer's allowance or reimbursement of costs incurred (e.g. travel expenses) is possible;
2. No acknowledgement will be granted for an activity that lends itself for inclusion on the curricular or extracurricular transcript of the student and can generate (extra-curricular) ECTS credits, including microcredentials or other obligations arising directly or indirectly from the curriculum or relating to an (extracurricular) activity that can be included on the student's transcript. The activity may not appear on the regular academic transcript (e.g. project or internship); this should include microcredentials or other obligations arising directly or indirectly from the curriculum.