The Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology is accepting applications for two Matthew Schoffeleers Scholarships.

The scholarships, worth €2,000, entail a fee waiver for EU students or a fee reduction for students outside the EU. Applications are open to all students applying to the master’s programme in anthropology in 2017/2018 with an undergraduate GPA of at least 75%. The scholarships will be awarded to the candidates with the strongest combination of motivation letter and GPA. Please note that the application deadline for the Master programme is 1 April for non-EU students and 1 June for Dutch and EU-students.

Application procedure
Applications must be e-mailed to Ms Annet Bakker, secretariaat.sca.fsw@vu.nl, no later than 1 June. Applications must include:

A motivation letter that includes the applicant’s research interests and its connection to the department’s research programme (MOBB);

an undergraduate transcript;

and a CV.

Note that applicants from outside the Netherlands can also apply for the university’s VUFP Scholarship (www.vu.nl/vufp).

Matthew Schoffeleers
Matthew Schoffeleers was a professor of anthropology at the Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam from the late seventies till 1989. Starting off as a priest and missionary in Malawi he moved on to study anthropology at the Jesuit university of Kinshasa, later earning his PhD at Oxford University. His main contributions lie in the ethnographical study of the Manganja in Malawi and in the anthropology of religion. He is remembered among other things for his non-reductionist approach of religion and his interest in a historicising ethnographic method.