



KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSE AKADEMIE VAN WETENSCHAPPEN

GUIDELINES VISITING PROFESSORSHIP PROGRAMME 2018

Introduction

The Visiting Professors Programme of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) is intended for excellent researchers who work outside the Netherlands and are willing to share their knowledge and experience with researchers in Dutch institutes. KNAW has established the Visiting Professors Programme to improve research in the Netherlands, to enable top researchers from abroad to work in the Netherlands, and to encourage collaboration and mutual learning.

These guidelines are valid from 1 May 2015 and remain valid until the KNAW publishes new guidelines.

Programme design

1. Persons who can submit nominations for a Visiting Professorship are:
 - Members of the Academy
 - Researchers at Academy institutes
 - Members of the Academy's De Jonge Akademie (Young Academy)
 - Academy ProfessorsCandidates for the Visiting Professorship can not apply themselves.
2. You can submit nominations for a Visiting Professorship at two levels. The candidates are either:
 - at the top of their research field, or;
 - show promise to belong to the top of their field in the near future.
3. A Dutch university or research institute must act as host institute for the Visiting Professor.
4. The KNAW appoints a Visiting Professor for a maximum period of one year, starting from the first day of arrival (of the first visit) in the Netherlands which must take place before 1 June 2019. The first day of the last visit must take place before the ending of the one year appointment.
5. During this year, the Visiting Professor has the possibility to work in the Netherlands for at least two weeks and at most four months¹ in total. The time spent in the Netherlands during that year can be spread over a maximum of three visits. The Visiting Professor can only receive reimbursement of travel expenses between country of origin and The Netherlands (budget for travel costs) and of subsistence costs² in The Netherlands (budget for activities).
6. Examples of activities that would qualify for this purpose include, but are not limited to: joint research projects, sharing knowledge with Dutch research groups through active interaction, discussions, (public) lectures and master classes for Dutch students.
7. Nominators are encouraged to submit nominations for a Visiting Professorship from countries outside of Europe, United States of America or Australia.

Assessment criteria

Since there are two levels upon which nominations can be submitted, there are two sets of criteria:

¹ Please note that for some nationalities an authorisation for temporary stay (MVV) for an uninterrupted stay of more than 90 days is required. Check www.ind.nl for more information.

² Travel expenses within the Netherlands related to the activities as Visiting Professor.

- I. Nominated candidates at the top level will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:
 - a. the candidate's contribution to the development of her/his discipline, as evidenced by publications in top journals, key note addresses, and leadership activities in the scientific community (i.e. institute or program director);
 - b. the international recognition of the candidate, as evidenced by memberships of national and international scientific committees and academies/learned societies, editorships of top journals, prizes awarded;
 - c. the candidate's capacity to attract talented young researchers, as evidenced by the number and careers of his/her PhD students; and to attract funding as evidenced by important research contracts.
 - d. the candidate's unique contribution to her/his discipline in the Netherlands.
- II. Candidates at the promising level will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:
 - a. the candidate's (co-)publications in high ranking journals;
 - b. the recognition of the candidate by reputed researchers and or networks in the field, evidenced by memberships of scientific boards and committees, (junior) academies/learned societies, editorships, prizes;
 - c. the candidate's attractiveness for PhD students and talented students.
 - d. the candidate's unique contribution to her/his discipline in the Netherlands.

Assessment committee

A multidisciplinary assessment committee will assess the nominations. This committee consists of four members of the Academy and two members of De Jonge Akademie (Young Academy). Three members are researchers in the natural and life sciences and three in the social sciences and humanities.

Finances and accountability

1. The grant per candidate consists of three parts:
 - a. A grant for activities of € 4.000 per month actual presence of the candidate.
 - b. A grant for accommodation (housing) with a maximum of € 2.000 per month actual presence of the candidate.
 - c. A grant for travel costs for up to three visits during the year with a maximum of € 1.500 for candidates from Europe and a maximum of € 5.000 for candidates from outside Europe.
2. Within three months after the year of the Visiting Professor has ended, the nominator must submit to the KNAW a final report. This should include a short summary of activities done, work results and a financial paragraph certified by an authorized employee of the host institution. The declaration form can be downloaded from: www.knaw.nl/visitingprofessors.
3. 70% of the grant will be paid as an advance to the host institute at the start of the Visiting Professorship. On the basis of the final report, the final amount of the grant will be determined and settled with the advance payment.
4. If the KNAW has not received a final report within three months after the year of the Visiting Professor has ended, the grant will be withdrawn and reclaimed.
5. The grant does not cover overhead costs of the host institute.

Submission and further information

1. You can submit nominations for a Visiting Professorship by **1 October 2018** by email to: visitingprofessors@knaw.nl
2. The required nomination form is available on the KNAW website: www.knaw.nl/visitingprofessors
3. An application is valid as soon as the applicant receives a confirmation of receipt from the KNAW.
4. You will be informed about the outcome of the selection in December 2018.
5. For any questions please contact us by email: visitingprofessors@knaw.nl or telephone: 020 551 0804