

VU-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FELLOW 2020-2021



Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU Amsterdam) has high ambitions in academic research. The university recognizes that top researchers help define the quality and reputation of the university. As a gesture of its appreciation, VU Amsterdam would like to honour a select group of internationally recognized academics by offering them a Fellow as part of our University Research Fellow programme.

This programme will enable a number of the university's leading academics to annually appoint a Fellow of their choice. The talented students awarded the personal VU Fellowship will hold the title of University Research Fellow (URF) for one year, and will carry the name of the academic with whom they are affiliated. By launching this programme, VU Amsterdam aims to provide recognition to excellent academics as well as talented students and to forge a stronger link between research and teaching activities.

1 WHICH ACADEMICS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPOINT A FELLOW?

The university will designate a number of outstanding academics, actively involved in teaching and mentoring, to award a VU Fellowship. These academics must distinguish themselves by an exceptional record of academic performance and by making a significant contribution to their discipline.

Any of the following will be viewed as evidence of this:

- an ERC Advanced Grant
- an NWO Spinoza prize
- an NWO VICI Grant

Academics with any of these achievements to their name will, each year for the duration of their special award, be entitled to appoint a VU Fellow for a maximum of 12 months.

The upcoming Fellows will start their Fellowship at the beginning of the Academic year.

2 WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

Each year, the Executive Board will invite the laureates personally to award a VU Fellowship to a student who has demonstrated exceptional academic excellence. Laureates are responsible for recruiting their Fellow themselves. The Executive Board of VU Amsterdam will confirm the selection made by the laureate.

3 WHAT ARE THE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES?

Each academic will be allocated a sum of €10.000 to be spent by the academic on the Fellowship. They may choose from one of the four spending objectives:

1. To appoint the Fellow as a student assistant to carry out teaching and / or research activities.
2. To fund a Master's study programme or Research Master's programme at VU Amsterdam (if the Fellow is a Bachelor's student)
3. To contribute towards the funding of a one-year PhD programme at VU Amsterdam (if the Fellow is a Master's student and wishes to gain a PhD). The Faculty will meet the costs of the remaining period of the PhD programme.
4. To appoint the Fellow as personal assistant, enabling him / her to take on some of the duties of the academic.

Throughout the year, the academic and the Fellow are expected to work together in teaching and research activities. The Fellow may also join the academic when attending various conferences and meetings. The academic and his/her Fellow are expected to promote the visibility and overall reputation of VU Amsterdam.

4 WHICH LAUREATES ARE ENTITLED TO AWARD A VU FELLOWSHIP IN 2020-2021?

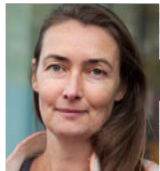
VU Amsterdam is proud to announce the following leading academics who will be entitled to appoint a Fellow.



EUS VAN SOMEREN
INTEGRATIVE NEUROPHYSIOLOGY
ERC Advanced Grant laureate
VU – van Someren - Fellow



PAOLA GORI-GIORGI
THEORETICAL CHEMISTRY
NWO VICI Grant laureate
VU - Gori-Giorgi - Fellow



DANIELLE POSTHUMA
STATISTICAL GENETICS
ERC Advanced Grant laureate
VU - Posthuma - Fellow



SERGE DUMOULIN
COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
NWO VICI Grant laureate
VU - Dumoulin - Fellow



ALBERT MENKVELD
FINANCE
NWO VICI Grant laureate
VU - Menkveld - Fellow



ERWIN PETERMAN
PHYSICS OF LIVING SYSTEMS -
MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS
ERC Advanced Grant laureate
VU - Peterman - Fellow



COEN OTTENHEIJM
MUSCLE PHYSIOLOGY
NWO VICI Grant laureate
VU - Ottenheijm - Fellow



HALLEH GHORASHI
SOCIOLOGY - IDENTITIES, DIVERSITY
AND INCLUSION
NWO VICI Grant laureate
VU - Ghorashi - Fellow



SERGEY NEJENTSEV
MOLECULAR CELL BIOLOGY AND
IMMUNOLOGY
ERC Advanced Grant laureate
VU - Nejentsev - Fellow



JEROEN AERTS
WATER AND CLIMATE RISK
ERC Advanced Grant Laureate
VU – Aerts- Fellow



JAN THEEUWES
COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
ERC Advanced Grant laureate
VU - Theeuwes - Fellow



YVETTE VAN KOOYK
IMMUNOLOGY AND MOLECULAR CELL BIOLOGY
Spinoza Prize
VU – Kooyk – Fellow



MAURICE CRUL
SOCIOLOGY - IDENTITIES, DIVERSITY
AND INCLUSION
ERC Advanced Grant laureate
VU - Crul - Fellow



GIJS WUIE
PHYSICS OF LIVING SYSTEMS
ERC Advanced Grant
VU – Wuite – Fellow



JOLANDA VAN DER VELDEN
PHYSIOLOGY
NWO VICI Grant laureate
VU - Van der Velden - Fellow



PIETER REIN TEN WOLDE
PHYSICS OF LIVING SYSTEMS
ERC Advanced Grant
VU – ten Wolde - Fellow



WIM UBACHS
ATOMIC, MOLECULAR AND LASER
PHYSICS
ERC Advanced Grant laureate
VU – Ubachs – Fellow