

CONNECTED WORLD

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS



CONNECTED WORLD is one of four profile themes at the heart of Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam. Wishing to promote innovative research on this theme, VU sustains a Connected World Fellowship Program. With the present call, we cordially invite VU staff to propose candidates for this fellowship. The fellows must be academics, from outside the VU, who hold a doctoral degree. They will devote between four and six months of their time (min. of 80% physically) in residence at VU, to pursue research and collaborate with VU staff on projects, publications, and scientific events. The proposed research must explicitly relate to the Connected World theme.

Connected World

Today's world is a Connected World, with 24/7 online communication, millions of citizens closely packed in metropolitan cities, and people, goods and ideas travelling around the globe as never before. VU wishes to actively stimulate research on those connections and in particular to contribute to the solution of disconnection: better connecting social groups in metropolitan melting pots, better connecting citizens to the environment they inhabit and better connecting global citizens to improve mutual understanding.

Who can apply?

Only VU staff can apply and propose candidates for this fellowship.

Deadline for application

The deadline for applications to the Connected World Fellowship Program is 1 June, 2022 before 23:59. The winning proposals receive communication in the week of 13 June, 2022.

All required documents have to be send in one pdf and have to be send to connectedworld@vu.nl. Applications have to be written in English.

Funding amount

Max. €4.000 for 4 months

Max. €4.500 for 5 months

Max. €5.000 for 6 months

The funding is to cover

- travel expenses;
- accommodation expenses;
- publication expenses (for example publishing in open access journals, etc.);
- costs incurred for a Visa application (approximately €420) and the guest status, including all facilities at the Faculty (approximately €842).
- The costs of Visa and VU guest status will be settled before the reimbursement of the travel and/or travel expenses. All costs exceeding the predetermined amount of funding granted will be at the expense of the applicant/ fellow.

How to apply?

A complete application must include:

- The application letter, signed by a VU staff member.
- Letter of the intended fellow (max. 1 page A4; including a 200-word abstract and a plan of activities).

- CV of the intended fellow (including a list of publications and grants).
- Intended duration of stay.
- Detailed budget estimate.

Selection criteria

Visiting fellows are selected on the basis of their prior professional achievements, the intended collaboration with VU staff, the quality of the proposed research project and its relation to the Connected World theme. They must be proficient in English.

How to report?

The applicant is required to send a final report and overview of the costs incurred within six weeks after the funding has ended. The guidelines of the final report are:

The report in English and is about two A4 in which the fellow describes what he/she has done during the fellowship. A complete overview of the costs made during the fellowship.

Further remarks:

Fellows who are considering a stay at VU University Amsterdam, are kindly invited to read the brochure [Nice to meet you at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam](#). The brochure provides an overview of useful information on moving to the Netherlands.

Upon admission to a fellowship, [the International Office](#) will do its utmost to assist in finding suitable accommodation for our visiting researchers and fellows. See also:

http://www.vu.nl/en/Images/2016_Rules_and_Regulations,_Guest-PhD_tcm270-437914.pdf

The requested stay should not cover the months of June through August, unless the visiting research fellow is involved in a VU summer school. We ask the fellows for a presentation of their research project while in residence. Visitors who stay for more than three months are expected to publish at least one publication in conjunction with the affiliated research program and to organize one workshop or symposium together with a VU researcher. We expect that the fellowship program will result in a mutually beneficial relationship (e.g. lectures, symposium, workshop, writing a combined research proposal) between the visitors and the faculty that will extend beyond the tenure of the fellowship itself.

Publications resulting from the research conducted in Amsterdam should acknowledge the VU Connected World funding. A copy of the publication should be sent to the Connected World secretariat (connectedworld@vu.nl) and to the head of the department or research group with which the research fellow collaborated.

Visiting fellows have full access to the CLUE+ network and to VU's university library, as well as to various other university libraries. Visiting fellows can also request access to the research facilities of the Network Institute.

The VU profile theme Connected World is coordinated by the interdisciplinary research institutes CLUE+ and Network Institute and chaired by the Faculty of Humanities.



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