

NUTRIM PhD Students admission

Admission of PhD Students within NUTRIM School for Nutrition, Toxicology and Metabolism

NUTRIM promotes translational research into metabolic and chronic inflammatory disorders with a high societal burden (i.e. metabolic syndrome/diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease/intestinal failure and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). Scientific results are expected to contribute to personalised lifestyles and medicine approaches with a focus on nutrition and metabolism. Through its PhD programme NUTRIM aims to educate highly qualified scientists and other professionals that will develop this research field and subsequently implement the acquired knowledge in health care.

Selection of PhD Candidates

Based upon evaluation and reflection of the candidates' motivation, previous achievements, completed education and assignments, a final selection of the most suitable candidates for participation in a NUTRIM programme is performed by the supervisor/project leader, possibly together with the leader of the division in which the planned research is going to take place.

All PhD student projects need to be embedded in a field of research which is of interest for NUTRIM. NUTRIM Research is organized in three integrated multidisciplinary divisions:

Division I: Obesity, Diabetes & Cardiovascular Health

Division II: Liver & Digestive Health

Division III: Respiratory & Age-related Health

Types of PhD Students

- 1) A PhD Student position as an employee at MUMC+, with a paid salary
- 2) PhD being a trainee
- 3) PhD student financed by a scholarship or grant
- 4) PhD Student employed by an external partner in research or business, doing research at Maastricht University
- 5) PhD Student working and living abroad in his / her home country, with distance supervision.

1) A PhD Students position as an employee, with a paid salary

PhD positions are paid research positions within the university, with research conducted in conjunction with a faculty, research institute or research school. Many students find PhD positions through intensive (research) master's programmes at Maastricht University or through a professional network.

A PhD Student is appointed for four years. During this period, the PhD Student performs research, will participate in courses, goes to congresses

etc. Apart from research and education the PhD Student is involved in the training of Master and/or Bachelor students of the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences.

The way to become a PhD Student as an employee is to successfully apply for a Maastricht University PhD Student vacancy. For vacancies check:

www.maastrichtuniversity.nl

A PhD Student vacancy is always approved by NUTRIM's Scientific Director, Prof. Annemie Schols and by the Chairman of the Department where the candidate will be appointed.

2) Externally funded PhD position: PhD candidate with external funding

-If you have a Master's degree in a NUTRIM-related research area and have the framework for an innovative, well-thought PhD project that matches with NUTRIM research goals as described below and is in accordance with Maastricht University research standards, rules, regulations and principles, -and have sufficient financial resources to conduct a PhD study with independent funding, you might consider an externally funded PhD position. You need to have a living allowance of at least € 1,183.44 per month if coming alone to Maastricht, € 1,521.57 for one parent with children, and € 1,690.63 per month if coming with spouse and children.

You will have the benefits of accessing Maastricht University's research community, international networks and facilities while completing a PhD programme.

The externally funded PhD Student can be:

- A PhD student being a trainee
- A student having received a grant or award for doing research, allowing him/her to live in The Netherlands for three to four years and do research would be this type of PhD student. In other words: the candidate brings his/her own budget;
- A PhD Student employed by an external partner in research or business.
The time limit for obtaining the PhD will be stated in the research agreement. The candidate can either be stationed at UM or at his company/institute.
The deliverables are listed in the research agreement.
- A PhD Student working and living abroad in his/her home country
The candidate will perform the research in the home country on the condition that there are sufficient lab facilities, if necessary for the specific study. The PhD Student will distantly be supervised by one or more NUTRIM researchers. The candidate will come to Maastricht every now and then to discuss research and progress.

Externally funded PhD students will have an honorary position at the Faculty of Health, medicine and Life Sciences / NUTRIM.

For all types of PhD students applies that as a part of the selection procedure diplomas / certificates as well as the educational programmes may be checked by NUFFIC (Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education) before enrolling into a Maastricht University PhD Student trajectory.

More information: T: +31-43-3881476, or send your CV and research proposal to: secretariaat-nutrim@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Prof. A. Schols and / or the Division Head will evaluate each proposal for its quality, thesis feasibility and matching with NUTRIM research.

All PhD Students will write a thesis and defend it at Maastricht University.

Requirements of PhD thesis

FHML dissertations generally consist of a number of separate scholarly papers, all or some of which have already been published in the form of articles and which demonstrate sufficient mutual coherence. It should also contain an introduction and a conclusion, in which the relationship between the papers is explained, a summary, valorisation addendum and eight to eleven propositions. The first promoter decides, in mutual agreement with the other supervisors, when the manuscript is of sufficient quality to be sent to the Assessment Committee.

Information

How to apply for a PhD Student's position at NUTRIM School for Nutrition, Toxicology and Metabolism?

Candidates interested can check the website of Maastricht University for vacancies, or they can ask to have their interest in a PhD Student position posted in NUTRIM's Newsletter 'PEN'. For this, information is available through the NUTRIM office, +31-43-3881476, secretariaat-nutrim@maastrichtuniversity.nl Note that your CV is required.

For more UM information go to:

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/research/phds>

For more information on a UM / FHML PhD trajectory go to:

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/faculties/health-medicine-and-life-sciences/phd>