

Costs of living in Wageningen

On average, overall monthly expenditure is about € 1000 which include:

- Rent of student accommodation: between € 300 and € 500 per month
- Health insurance and legal liability insurance: approximately € 50 per month

- Books and study materials: approximately € 200 per year
- Groceries: approximately € 300 per month

Note that costs of travel to and from the Netherlands and visa costs (€ 650 for a stay of more than three months) must also be considered.

Application

Research assistants and staff PhD candidates are recruited via vacancy announcements on Academic Transfer. In other cases candidates start by selecting a Graduate School in which the candidates proposed project fits best.

Subsequently the candidate submits an application to that graduate school which includes:

- 1 Cover letter describing the motivation to apply.
- 2 Preliminary research proposal (approximately two pages), containing:
 - problem definition
 - research questions
 - proposed methodology linked to the research questions
 - up-to-date literature references
- 3 References from at least two supervisors or professors. The references must contain information regarding the candidate's performance during the Master programme and should contain a reflection on the candidate's capacity to finish a PhD in the area of application.
- 4 Curriculum Vitae, including information on education, research experience and, if applicable, list of publications.
- 5 Photocopy of diplomas of higher education (both BSc and MSc) minimum requirement being an equivalent of a Master's degree. Also include transcripts of academic records. An additional official translation is required if the documents are not in English, Dutch, French, German, Spanish or Afrikaans.
- 6 If the candidate is not Dutch, from a non-Anglophone country and has not completed the higher education with English as the language of instruction, an inter-

nationally recognised Certificate of Proficiency in the English Language should be submitted. Minimum required scores:

- TOEFL internet-based 90, with minimum sub-score 23 for speaking
- IELTS 6.5, with minimum sub-score 6.0 for speaking
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE) with minimum grade B
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) any grade

Test results must be dated within 24 months prior to the application.

- 7 Photocopy of the candidate's (valid) passport.
- 8 Information on funding. Wageningen University and the Graduate Schools will usually not assist in finding funding sources. There is a much higher chance of being accepted if funding is secured.
- 9 For Sandwich PhD candidates: Proof of commitment from the home institute.

The Graduate School evaluates the application. After a positive evaluation the application is forwarded to a prospective supervisor (Professor) from Wageningen University for further evaluation. If the application is approved by the supervisor she/he will contact the applicant.

For more information about the application procedure see: <http://www.wageningenUR.nl/en/Education-Programmes/PhD-Programme/Application.htm>



PhD Programme

Wageningen University

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