



Thrive Together

By Dual Career Center



WAGENINGEN
UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH

We at Wageningen University & Research are on a mission to explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life.



Wageningen University & Research (*WUR*) professionals are among the most passionate, dedicated, and talented people, motivated by a culture of sustainability and pursuit of knowledge. Their efforts have led to various breakthroughs ranging from natural resources, living environment, society- wellbeing, food, and biobased production.

This combination of research, education, and value creation has made us internationally successful. It is with good reason that we have a very high success rate in attracting EU funds for research and score so highly in international rankings and citation indexes.

This is due to the Wageningen approach– the joint strengths of the university and specialized research institutes and the connections between our scientific, technological, and social disciplines.

At Wageningen University & Research, our goal is to attract and retain the highest quality academic minds. We are committed to assisting spouses and partners to overcome the challenges of settling in socially and professionally, offering information, personal assistance, and support.



“As President of the Executive Board, I can only confirm that creating better dual-career opportunities are essential to the success and impact of WUR. There can be no doubt about our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and talent retention”

Prof. dr ir. Louise O. Fresco
President Executive Board of
Wageningen University & Research

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WUR Dual Career Center: We Care, We do

It is with great pleasure we welcome you to WUR Dual Career Center. This network is created to support the growing number of international employees and their families joining WUR. Moving to a new country is both an exciting yet overwhelming experience, and we provide a vast network and resources to accompanying partners to counter these initial challenges.

Our Mission

- Bring the brightest and best dual career couples to WUR.
- Enhance the WUR's commitment to diversity and retention of talented employees.
- Provide personalized assistance to new knowledge worker's spouses and partners during the settling-in and professional integration.

Dual Career Center goes beyond relocation formalities and accelerates the social and professional integration of the accompanying partner in the Netherlands.

Services we provide

- Assist you with the smooth settling in process
- Introduce you to the relevant network
- Help you in job search through workshops, coaching, and network meetings
- Information and tips on living in the Netherlands
- Social events such as meetup, language cafe, and sports



DUAL CAREER PROGRAM

90 days before to
180 days after

Adapting and Navigating your life in The Netherlands

Together we Thrive. We acknowledge the importance of a partner's career is often a critical factor in a decision to relocate to a new professional home.

The Dual Career Program of WUR will help you to navigate your **Work, Life & Community** successfully, starting from before moving to the settling-in stage.

Our Dual Career program gives you confidence that you and your family will be able to pursue the chosen goals together in an

amazing environment and call Wageningen home.

The Dual Career Program aspires to bring inclusive support to couples and their families when considering new employment opportunities with the university. The program provides the relocating spouse/ partner with up-to-date information on the region, the Dutch labor market, job search strategy, understanding the new culture, language support, and introducing to the International community and vast local network.

1. ▶ Moving to Wageningen (Relocation support)

Before and after move support and communication

- Evaluate your employment interests and needs
- Discover & Design the career road map for the next 90 days

2. ▶ Career planning (Career support)

Career guidance and support in navigating the Dutch Labor Market with the Experts

- Customization of résumé and professional profile
- Information on the Job application process in the Dutch labor market

3. ▶ Find and grow with the tribe (Network support)

Build relationships and a new support system with your cohort

From networking to meetups and community events, learn ways to build your network

4. ▶ Be a local (Social and cultural support)

Networking support

The Prospect of getting to know a new culture and speaking the local language will help you build stronger, deeper relationships with Locals and Internationals



“Dual Career Center gave me great advice and all the support that I needed to pursue my career at the WUR.”

Dr. Igor Sirnik

Relocated from Slovenia

PostDoc at Landscape Architecture and Spatial Planning group



“The dual Career project is aiming at empowering the talent community and connecting them to opportunities. I believe we can work together to create a win-win solution for all stakeholders.”

Yichun Zhou

*Dual Career Centre Coordinator
WUR*



City at a Glance - Wageningen

Location: **Central Netherlands**

City type: **Large town**

Population: **38,000**

Official language(s): **Dutch**

Climate: **Mild marine**

Landscape: **Urban, riverscape,
woodlands**

Factoid: **The city is in the center of Food Valley, an area that focuses on life and agri-food related sciences, and is, is known as the City of Life Sciences.**

About Wageningen

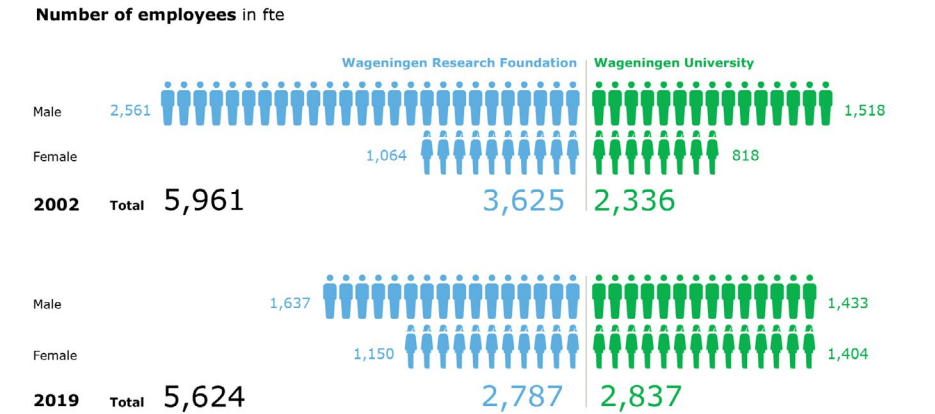
Beautiful and peaceful, Wageningen features a central square, brick-paved streets, and windmill. Surrounding meadows and forests bring a calming natural perfume into the quaint town.

Generous and friendly locals can be your allies in learning the nuances of Dutch culture. A large number of international students and professionals come to learn and work at Wageningen University & Research, which influences daily life in the entire city.

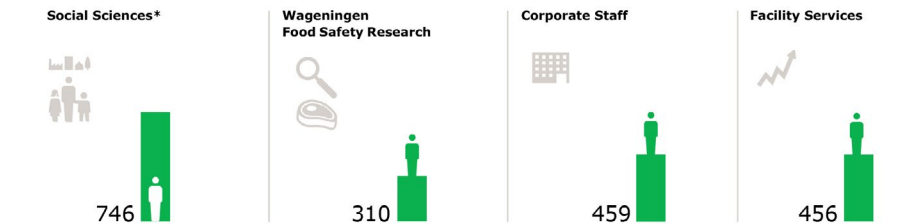
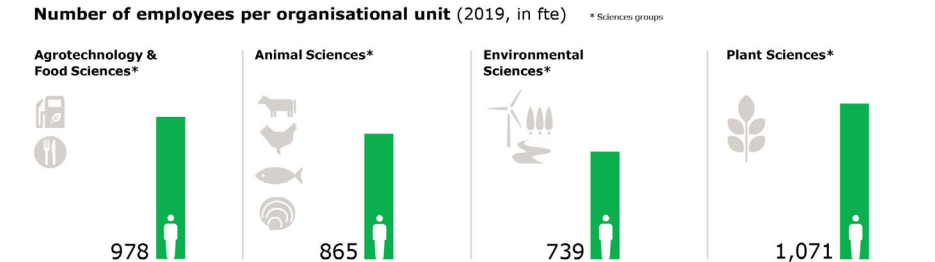
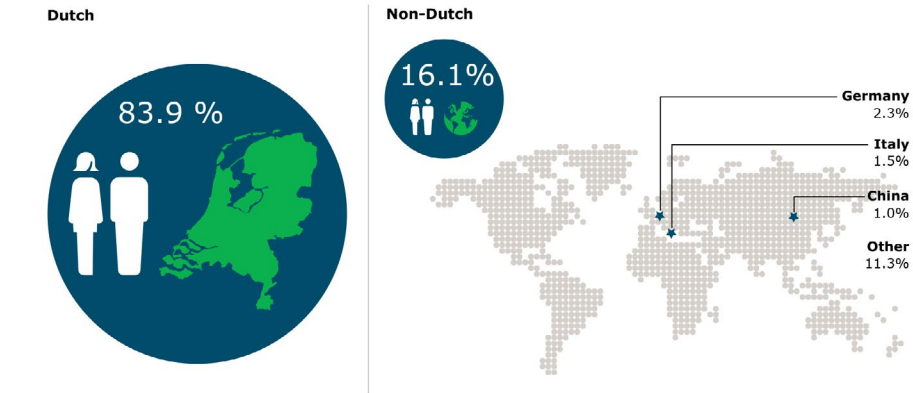
Wageningen mirrors the university's focus with an emphasis on sustainable living.

A cycling culture dominates the streets, buses run on green gas, and stores specialize in sustainable wine, health, and beauty products.

Number of employees in fte



Nationalities of employees, in fte



Working Together Is A Success

An Inclusive Organization

www.wur.nl/en/International-staff.htm

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