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WIAS Graduate programme 2024

The WIAS Graduate Programme call 2024 involves the funding of one PhD position. The aim is to support a high potential and talented MSc student of WU to obtain their PhD through research at one of the WIAS chair groups on a subject of their choice.

The call for the WIAS graduate programme is open to all MSc students from Wageningen University who graduate(d) between August 2023 and December 2024. The proposals must be written by the candidate with feedback from the anticipated supervisors of the project. All applications need to be accompanied by a letter of support from the main supervisor(s) of the project and must be submitted no later than 1 September 2024 to Nicole Rodenburg (nicole.rodenburg@WUR.nl).

More information can be found [here](#).

WIAS Lunch Lectures

On 3 September 2024, Prof. Wim van der Poel, special chair at the QVE chair group, will give a lecture entitled "One Health research approaches for emerging zoonoses". This lecture will be held from 12:15-13:00 in the Zodiac Building, Room A0107. Lunch will be available at 12:00.

WIAS is looking for postdocs, staff or guest researchers who would like to present their work in 2024. Interested? Please send an email to wias@wur.nl. The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month from 12:15-13:00.

WAPS News

Summer BBQ 🍷 Photos





WAPS is searching for (board) members.

The WAPS council consists of PhD candidates from the Wageningen Institute of Animal Sciences (WIAS) and acts in the interest of all the WIAS PhD candidates. The WAPS council gives input and feedback on matters related to the PhD programme. ([WIAS PhD council - WUR](#)). Interested? Send an email to the WAPS, or approach one of the members to ask any question you might have.

Contact WAPS

- Facebook: WIAS PhD students
- LinkedIn: WIAS PhD's
- Instagram: wias_phds
- Email: waps.wias@wur.nl

WIAS Magazine

Currently, the WIAS magazine board is working on a Spring/Summer edition. We plan on bringing this issue out in August or September. Our long term plans are a little bit different, we will update you all later this month about that. So stay tuned for an email from the WIAS magazine board!

We are looking for new members! This could be you! Have you always been interested in publishing, reviewing, editing and layout design? This is a great experience if you look to be more involved in the publishing industry or want to get a first taste of reviewing articles. Also, we are fun to hang out with and we celebrate each edition with good food and a drink! So be sure to contact us at wias.magazine@wur.nl if you're interested or have any questions for the board!

Our step-by-step **author guide** is available [here](#), to make submitting even easier!

Questions or suggestions?

You can email us at wias.magazine@wur.nl. We are always happy to help!

Connect Your Science With Everyone In The WIAS Community!
Contribute an article to one of our categories...

- RESEARCH OVERVIEW**
Just starting your project or preparing a manuscript?
- RESEARCH HIGHLIGHT**
Recently published your work?
- RESEARCH LIGHT**
Recently received some exciting results?

WIAS MAGAZINE



On behalf of WIAS Magazine –
Evelien, Bernadett, Ilva Noa & Jeroen

'Science connects us all'

Get in contact: wias.magazine@wur.nl

Website: WIAS.magazine

WIAS Seminars and Courses

WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open)

| Date | Course |
|---|--|
| 10-12 September 2024 | Recent Advances in Animal Breeding Applied to Aquaculture |
| 20 September 2024 | Symposium Nutritional management of the lactating sow |
| 18 October, 1, 15 & 29 November 2024 | Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings |
| 24-25 October 2024 | Interdisciplinary Skills Training |
| 24-25 October 2024 | WIAS Course: Simulation of breeding programs with the Modular Breeding Program Simulator (MoBPS) |
| 28 October - 1 November 2024 | Genetics of resilience and trade-offs |
| 30, 31 October & 1 November 2024 | WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD |
| 11-12 November 2024 | WIAS Introductory Course for new PhD candidates |
| 19 November 2024 | Midterm Reflection Day |
| 25 – 28 November 2024 | FlatFish Symposium |
| 26 & 27 November 2024 | WGS course Ethics & Animal Sciences |
| 17 December 2024 | The Final Touch |
| 12 & 19 March 2025 | WIAS course Societal Impact of your Research |

For an overview of WIAS courses and seminars please click [here](#).

Scientific Diving Course (MAE10302)

To improve your diving skills for research, we are pleased to inform you that PhDs can follow the Scientific Diving – Theoretical Course (MAE10302) at WIAS!

Other Courses

WGS Courses

4 September 2024

[Efficient Writing Strategies](#)

4 & 23 September 2024

[Scientific Writing](#)

5 September 2024

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#)

9 September 2024

[Presenting with Impact](#)

12 September, 10 October, 29 October, with indiv. coaching session

[The Choice: Un-box your PhD process & take charge of your performance](#)

17 September, 1, 15, 29 October and 22 November 2024

[Career Perspectives](#)

24 September 2024

[Science Journalism](#)

25 September 2024

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

26 September 2024

[Developing my Research Vision](#)

7 October 2024

[Creating and Pitching Virtual Posters](#)

8 October 2024

[Scientific Writing](#)

8, 29 October, 26 November 2024

[Project and Time Management](#)

14 October 2024

[The Essentials of Scientific Writing and Presenting](#)

17 October 2024

[Scientific Publishing](#)

22 October, 5, 19 November 3, 17 December 2024

[Career Perspectives](#)

30 October and 6 November 2024

[Quarto](#)

4 & 11 November 2024

[Ethics for Designers: Concepts and Tools](#)

21 November 2024

[Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript](#)

Other Graduate schools

10 September and 29 November 2024 (online)

Internal training Funding Identification Tool "[Research Connect](#)"

Registration via email to Rene.vanree@wur.nl

12 September 2024

Insects as sustainable feed: an interdisciplinary approach

Sustainable food production is a major challenge. Can insects feature in sustainable feed production to support the growing world population without transgressing the planetary boundaries? That is the central question during this interdisciplinary symposium on the 12 September 2024 (<https://insectfeed.nl/symposium-12-september-2/>)!

14-20 September 2024 (WIMEK)

Grounding carbon farming course on site in France. For more information and registration see <https://www.wur.nl/en/activity/grounding-carbon-farming.htm>

28 October – 1 November 2024 + case study assignment

Multi-Objective Decision Making

The question "what's best?" often doesn't have a single answer, and multiple objectives play a role simultaneously. Models help to explore the different answers to the question "what's best?" and determine optimal solutions to the formulated problem. This course introduces you to a multi-objective decision making toolbox, to use in your own research. [Registration link](#).

18-22 November 2024 (VLAG)

Data science is revolutionizing our understanding of biology in biotechnology and systems health... *Can you uncover something new in one week?* [Life Sciences Data Integration Challenge](#)

Library courses

3, 10, 17, 24 September 2024 – Course

[Adobe Illustrator - scientific artwork & infographics](#)

10 September 2024 – Workshop

[Databases & Search strategies](#)

10 September 2024 – Presentation

[EndNote Demonstration Session](#)

12 September 2024 – Presentation

[Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates \(online session\)](#)

19, 26 September, 3 October 2024 – Course

[Research Data Management, parts 1-3](#)

24 September 2024 – Workshop

[Citing and referencing](#)

3, 10, 17, 31 October 2024 – Course

[Adobe Illustrator - scientific artwork & infographics](#)

3 October 2024 – Presentation

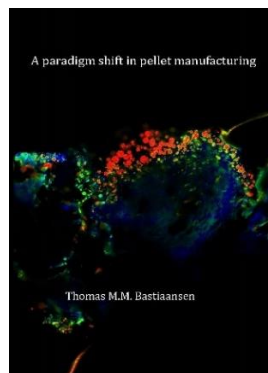
[EndNote Demonstration Session](#)

9 & 10 October 2024 – Course

[Searching and Organising Literature for PhD Candidates](#)

10 October 2024 – Presentation

[Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates \(online session\)](#)



Tom Bastiaansen

Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 11 September 2024
Time: 15:30

A paradigm shift in pellet manufacturing
The effect of coproduct inclusion on pellet manufacturing

(co)promotors:
Prof. Dr WH Hendriks, Dr G Bosch,
Dr S de Vries



Hao Ye

Adaptation Physiology (ADP)

Date: 20 September 2024
Time: 15:30

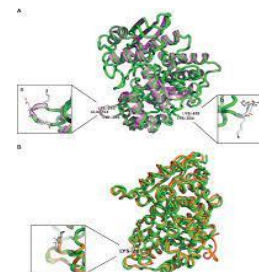
Dietary protein digestion kinetics in lactating sows
Lactation performance and subsequent reproduction

(co)promotors:
Prof. Dr B Kemp, Prof. J Wang,
Dr NM Soede, Dr P Langendijk



Nokuthula Lorraine Mhlongo

Wildlife Ecology and Conservation (WEC)



Tiantong Zhao

Host-Microbe Interactomics (HMI)

Date: 30 September 2024
Time: 13:00

Deviation in mobility patterns of dairy cows as indicators of lameness

(co)promotors:
Prof. Dr F van Langevelde, Dr WF de Boer,
Dr HJ de Knegt

Date: 30 September 2024
Time: 15:30

Crossing Barriers: How Streptococcus suis Hijacks the Plasminogen-Plasmin Proteolytic System to Invade the Brain

(co)promotors:
Prof. Dr JM Wells, Dr P van Baarlen,
Dr S Brugman

Calls

Special Issue: Modelling Water Worlds

We welcome the submission of abstracts by authors intending to write full papers or shorter Viewpoints. See our general guidelines. Send your abstract (300 words or more) to managing_editor@water-alternatives.org. Deadline is **15 August 2024**. More information: [Special Issue: Modelling Water Worlds \(water-alternatives.org\)](https://www.water-alternatives.org/Special-Issue-Modelling-Water-Worlds)

Center for Unusual Collaboration (CUCo) SPARK GRANTS

Spark grants aim to stimulate unusual collaborations to address societal challenges. The grants offer initial financial support to start building a committed project team and explore the potential of an idea and/or test whether it can be taken further and developed into a project application, for an Unusual Collaborations grant or another funding scheme. Spark grants are thus a low-threshold stimulus to support connection with others outside one's own disciplinary background, to initiate collaboration around a research idea, to share knowledge and best practices, and to develop something together.

Our Spark programme consists of two phases: a series of four half-day workshops (phase one) followed by a period of time in which a research topic can be explored with a team (phase two). You find the call and more information here: <https://ewuu-alliantie.mailings.uu.nl/j/H9N5imlyKXQSizvOAHNv8QEytWrBXyVjCfxaQz9VQ2A>
Deadline is: **2 September 2024**.

2024-25 Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Competition

The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program is designed to support world-class postdoctoral researchers. The fellowship provides \$70,000 per year for two years. The program is open to both Canadian and international researchers who have recently completed a PhD, PhD- equivalent, or health professional degree. Applications must be completed in full collaboration with the proposed host institution. The 2024-25 competition was launched in April 2024 and the application deadline is **17 September 2024 (20:00 EDT)**. Please note that institutions may have internal deadlines.

Please click [here](#) to access the launch memo, and kindly consult our website at www.banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca for further details on our program, including how to apply. Questions can be sent by email to banting@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

New round of Faculty of Impact

Website NWO News <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news/new-round-of-faculty-of-impact-opened>
How do you ensure that scientific solutions to societal issues reach the market? Faculty of Impact offers researchers from the alpha, beta, and gamma sciences an intensive, two-year programme where they learn how to make an impact with their research and start their own business. A new call round of Faculty of Impact is now open until **1 October 2024**.

Call for proposals: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/faculty-of-impact-24/25-agriculture-water-and-food-and-circular-economy>

Making an impact with research. At the Faculty of Impact, talented researchers receive guidance to develop their ideas for the market. Researchers from all scientific fields (alpha, beta & gamma) can participate in the Faculty of Impact. The programme aims to further develop and scale up creative and breakthrough ideas. This call is intended for PhD students who have almost

completed their PhD research, but also for postdocs, university (head) lecturers or other scientific staff.

Call for proposals TKI Graduate School Green Top Sectors 2024

The call for proposals TKI Graduate School Green Top Sectors 2024 is now open. The deadline for the call is Tuesday **1 October 2024**.

Who can apply?

This call is aimed at MSc students who have written their own PhD project. Staff members of the graduate schools EPS, PE&RC, WIAS, VLAG, WIMEK and WASS can apply as main applicant. The research subject must fit within the research missions of the Knowledge and Innovation Agendas of the top sectors indicated in the call text.

For advice on whether a research subject fits the research missions of the top sectors T&U and A&F or other questions please contact Ingrid.Vleghels@wur.nl.

Call & Application form can be found on the [WIAS website](#)

Call for HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01

Participating in a joint doctorate programme implies entering into a number of obligations at the institutional level. Joint doctorate programme is a joint PhD programme of at least two universities. Deadline for submission is **27 November 2024**. For more information about the programme go to the [EU website](#).

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NWO VIDI course

Candidates who are seriously considering applying in the coming VIDI round (pre-proposal deadline 5 November 2024) and who want to prepare themselves can follow a VIDI grant course, given by Yellow Research. The next course will be given on 10 September 2024, from 9.30 am till 4 pm, in Wageningen. You can register by sending an email to: henriekederuiter@wur.nl. Please indicate in this mail the date on which you received your PhD, why you want to take the course and why you think you are a suitable VIDI grant candidate.

The VIDI target group consists of researchers in transition to leadership, i.e., ready for the establishment of a research group or the expansion of a recent research group. The VIDI can contribute to the researcher's development in this area. The VIDI grant is aimed at researchers with academic qualities that clearly exceed what is customary and demonstrate the development of leadership and mentorship skills. More information can be found in this [Leaflet](#).

Workshop Socio-Technical Integration Research

24 September from 15.00 – 17.00, Dr Mareike Smolka will organize a workshop in Impulse – room Innovation. Both PhDs and Postdocs are welcome to join. To register for this event, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/K7mjmivUSMXeKmqzQ9>.

Please contact: mareike.smolka@wur.nl if you have questions about the workshop.

If you have any questions about this WIAS News please contact WIAS at wias@wur.nl