

## International internship and thesis in Corona times

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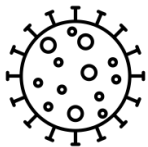
*A stay abroad is an important and beautiful experience, although given the current situation it may be wise to consider a Dutch alternative.*

*Due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus, international study trips were temporarily not allowed. As of 1 September 2020, travelling within Europe for internship or thesis<sup>1</sup> is allowed again, in the green and yellow areas. International students are allowed to travel to an orange area within/outside Europe if it is their home country and if the safety risks are entirely Corona-related.*

*Students will always need the permission of the Science Group. It is not clear yet when it is possible to travel outside Europe. This strongly depends on the development of the pandemic.*

*In this document, we describe what you need to know when you consider an international internship or thesis.*

### PREPARATION



Find out more about the region you want to visit. How is the Coronavirus developing there? Do you need a Covid-19 test to enter the country? What measures are currently in place and is it possible to comply with them during your stay? How is health care in the region? Can you get tested on Covid-19?

Prepare yourself well for a possible adjustment of the travel advice and illness. Is it possible to return quickly if you need to? Who can help you if you get sick yourself? Is it possible to self-quarantine if necessary (both abroad and back in the Netherlands)?



Ask permission from the Science Group to travel for your internship or thesis to a yellow or green area in Europe, including Aruba, Curacao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, or Saba – Please realise that these islands are remote and returning can be complex.

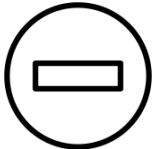
Travelling to orange and red areas and travelling outside Europe is not allowed (international students are allowed to

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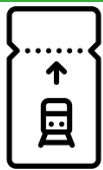
<sup>1</sup> All inbound and outbound international study exchange programmes in the upcoming Semester 1 (Fall) 2020/21 are cancelled.

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Please submit a travel request together with your thesis or internship supervisor. You will need to complete an extensive [form](#)<sup>2</sup>, which is also a tool to be well prepared for your trip. The procedure may take some time, make sure you start well in advance.



Do you travel without permission? Then your trip abroad is considered a private activity at your own risk and financial responsibility. You will not receive any credits.

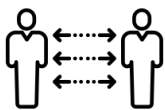


Did you receive permission to travel? Then your trip abroad is a study related activity of Wageningen University & Research. Book a ticket and arrange your accommodation in which it is possible to comply with the Corona rules and home quarantine is possible. Make sure you are properly [insured](#) (check the conditions on risks related to pandemics).

## SAFE STAY ABROAD



You may only leave if the Science Group has given you permission and the travel advice is yellow or green at the moment of your departure. If the travel advice turns orange or red after permission has been given, you are not allowed to leave.



Continue to observe the [Dutch measures against Coronavirus](#), plus any additional measures that apply locally. If the local rules are stricter, follow them.



Be aware that the health situation in an area can change rapidly. Keep a close eye on the travel advice of the Dutch government during your stay and turn on push notifications. You can also use the [app](#) (only in Dutch) to register with the Dutch embassy in the country you are visiting.



If the area you are staying is given an orange travel advice, or if you become (possibly) infected yourself, you follow the instructions of the relevant local/national authorities and the Dutch government. The actions to be taken depend on the

<sup>2</sup> Some information is not available when permission is requested, for example, the flight number. Submit this information after permission has been granted.

circumstances. If the area you are staying is given a red travel advice, you leave the area as soon as possible.

The internship agreement states that the host organisation takes responsibility if any assistance is necessary.

Inform your WUR supervisor and decide together what to do. Check the conditions of your insurance carefully. If necessary, advice and help can be requested via [info.corona@wur.nl](mailto:info.corona@wur.nl).

## BACK IN THE NETHERLANDS



Do you return from an orange or red area due to Corona? Follow the instructions of the [Dutch government](#).

The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs travel advice](#) indicates for each country whether or not you should self-quarantine after arriving in the Netherlands from that country (only in Dutch).



Did the Science Group permit your trip and did the travel advice turn orange or red afterwards? WUR will under certain conditions [reimburse the extra costs](#) you had to incur to postpone your trip/return earlier.

## MORE INFORMATION?



Ask your question to your study advisor, supervisor, or send an email to [info.corona@wur.nl](mailto:info.corona@wur.nl).