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"The structure provided by the University and my supervisors is amazing, but what I love the most about Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam is its international environment. Here we can share experiences and perspectives with people from all over the world, which enriches us as researchers and contributes to our scientific work. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam is a living proof that diversity inspires us and brings out the best in us, as people and as scientists."

JULIANA SENNA
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"During my childhood, I always dreamt of coming to Europe as I am from Serampore in the state of West Bengal in India, which was a former Danish colony. I am currently doing my Ph.D in Human Movement Sciences at the Faculty of Behavioural and Movement Sciences at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and also a mobility period at the KU Leuven, Belgium. I am an Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate fellow. I really like the interdisciplinary research environment provided at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. We have some great research facilities in our department. I have wonderful colleagues whom I enjoy working with and I think I have the best supervisors as they always strive for excellence and making sure I become an independent researcher."

SAUVIK DAS GUPTA
Erasmus Mundus Ph.D. Candidate in Human Movement Sciences at the Faculty of Behavioural and Movement Sciences



>50%
INTERNATIONAL PHD CANDIDATES



±450
DISSERTATION AWARDS PER YEAR



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EDUCATION AND
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>2.700
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9 FACULTIES AND 12 INTERFACULTY
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AND MULTICULTURAL CITY OF AMSTERDAM



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At Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, we provide research intensive PhD programmes organized in graduate schools of nine faculties: Humanities, Religion and Theology, Social Sciences, Law, School of Business and Economics, Behavioral and Movement Sciences, Life Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry-ACTA.

We offer customized training and supervision with a strong emphasis on the development of research skills as well as transferable skills such as the ability to work in teams and collaborate. Our doctoral graduates are internationally oriented, multi- and interdisciplinary, curiosity and results driven, and creating an impact in science and society.

Earning a PhD doctorate from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam often leads to a career as a scholar and researcher in universities, and universities of applied sciences; non-profits and think tanks; consultancies and corporations.

AMSTERDAM HAS
834,713
INHABITANTS

 **165 CANALS**
AMSTERDAM HAS

AMSTERDAM HAS
44 MUSEUMS
40 PARKS

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**AMSTERDAM IS
RANKED 11TH
WORLDWIDE**

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STUDENTS, AMSTERDAM IS
A GREAT AND LIVELY PLACE
TO STUDY

 **VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT
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INFORMATION 2019**

103TH SHANGHAI RANKING
24TH TIMES HIGHER ED
TEACHING RANKING
138TH TIMES HIGHER ED
WORLD RANKING
219TH QS RANKING

We also provide innovative and dynamic courses in the Summer School, as well as Graduate Winter School, which is especially tailored to suit the training needs of PhD candidates.

**SUMMER SCHOOL AND
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GRADUATEWINTERSCHOOL@VU.NL

PHD GATHERINGS

You do not have to go through the process of doing a PhD at the Vrije Universiteit

Amsterdam alone. We have an extensive and international PhD community that organizes social, movie, theater, sports and family events once per month and is run by two PhD candidates.

For more information contact:
PHDGATHERINGS@VU.NL or follow up via Facebook group "VU PhD Gatherings".



OVERVIEW OF MONTHLY COSTS AS A PHD CANDIDATE

- Rent for housing: €750 (studio for one person)-€950 (family flat)
- Food: €250
- Insurance: €100
- Public transport: €50
- Books: €50
- Other costs: €60
- Total: €1260 (incl.studio for one person)-€1460 (incl.family flat)



VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM SERVICES

At Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam we help you with visa/immigration and arrange housing before you arrive. Visit WWW.VU.NL/PHD for more information.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Welcoming new PhD candidates is important to us. You can join our Bridging and Welcome programmes each September by sending an email to PHD@VU.NL

International staff network also organizes events for new PhD candidates throughout the year. Inquire about events are done via ISN@VU.NL.

DURING YOUR PHD

We place high importance on doctoral education and training. Our graduate schools provide research, transferable and disciplinary skills courses to all PhD candidates.

VU International Office provides career training in the form of Career Thursdays Workshops and Online Executive Career Coaching. To sign up for these workshops please visit our website WWW.VU.NL/PHD.

PHD LIFECYCLE



WHEN YOU APPLY

The application for a doctoral programme can be done via the website WWW.VU.NL/PHD

In order to apply via the website you will have to provide a short research proposal, prepare a CV, choose a preferred supervisor and be in a possession of a (research) Master degree, among other requirements. Faculties may require further information for application of which they inform the applicant within a few days after online application.

WHEN YOU ARE ADMITTED

Admission of PhD candidates is handled by either the graduate school of the designated faculty, or one of the faculty departments at which the candidate will be officially registered.

You will be responsible for developing your own research and training plan, including selection of courses and modules to follow during your PhD trajectory. We do not offer structured and programme led PhD studies.

RESEARCH IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CROSS DISCIPLINARY AND INTERFACULTY RESEARCH

Research at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam covers a wide range of fields that often cut across disciplinary boundaries. Our interfaculty research institutes enhance the scientific quality and the societal impact of research, and enjoy an excellent reputation due to their successful PhD and research Master's programmes, worldwide recruitment of staff and students, and active participation in international networks and consortia.



Hi, I am Sandra Hasanefendic.
I am the Director for International PhD Recruitment at VU International Office.
I can help you with all of your PhD questions and inquiries.

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ICaR-VU	Institute for Cardiovascular Research of the VU
ISR	Institute for Societal Resilience
Kooijmans Institute	Institute for Law and Governance
LaserLab	Institute for Lasers, Life and Biophotonics
LEARN!	Institute for learning, teaching, upbringing and development in societal context
MOVE	Institute for the understanding of human movement
Network Institute	The emerging networked world in its technological, economic and social aspects
Talma Institute	Institute for the Study of Work, Care and Welfare
VUmc CCA	Cancer Center Amsterdam/VUmc Institute for Cancer and Immunology
AGCI	Amsterdam Global Change Institute
AIMMS	Amsterdam Institute for Molecules, Medicines and Systems
AN	Amsterdam Neuroscience
A-LAB	Institute for criminological research
CLUE	Research Institute for the heritage and history of the cultural landscape and urban environment
EMGO+	Institute for Health and Care Research