

# Doing a PhD in the Netherlands



Great to see that you're interested in doing a PhD in the Netherlands! We're happy to inform you about the PhD possibilities in our country. A PhD takes on average 4 years, in which you conduct scientific research and write your thesis.

## Why choose the Netherlands for your PhD?

- Excellent research: all dutch research universities are highly ranked in the world rankings.
- A broad variety of research subjects.
- A PhD candidate is seen as an employee.

## You have 2 PhD possibilities in the Netherlands:

1. Bring your own scholarship (for example Conacyt)
2. Apply for a paid PhD job

When you bring your own scholarship your PhD is funded by your home country. Did you know that you can also apply for a PhD in the Netherlands without a scholarship? In the Netherlands, a PhD is regarded as a job and you're considered an employee. This means that you will get a labor contract and earn a salary. On [www.academictransfer.com](http://www.academictransfer.com) you can find all open PhD jobs in the Netherlands.

## Differences between a PhD scholarship and a paid PhD position

There are several differences between a PhD scholarship and a paid PhD job. We will share the three most important. First of all, it's a plus when you bring your own scholarship. A paid PhD job isn't guaranteed, because you have to apply for the job and there is much international competition. Only the best candidate with the highest quality will get the job. Secondly, with a scholarship, you define your own research project. A paid PhD job is mostly an existing research project, with an existing research group. Thirdly, when you're employed as an PhD employee, you also have the obligation to teach. Most of the time you aren't required to teach when you bring a scholarship.

<b>Bring your own PhD Scholarship</b> <i>funded by your home country</i>	<b>Paid PhD as a PhD Employee</b> <i>employed by a Dutch institution</i>
Good chance to find a hosting faculty	Application procedure, much competition
Your own research plan	Fixed research subject/existing project
No or very limited teaching obligation	Teaching obligations

Useful links: [AcademicTransfer PhD job overview](http://www.academictransfer.com) and [FactCards PhD related information](http://factcards.nl):



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<https://factcards.nl/decks/phd-in-the-netherlands/>

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