



The Humanities Cluster of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) is a collaboration between three research institutes: the Huygens Institute for the History of the Netherlands, the International Institute for Social History and the Meertens Institute for Ethnology and Linguistics. The institutes are committed to groundbreaking research in the humanities, in which innovative (digital) methods play an important role.

For the Huygens Institute for the History of the Netherlands we are looking for

PhD Researcher

(1,0 fte for 4 years)

About this vacancy

For an international research project funded by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), *Visualizing the Unknown. Scientific Observation, Representation and Communication in 17th-century Science and Society*, we are looking for a PhD Researcher. Within the larger context of this project, the researcher will study the processes of observation, visual representation, peer review and publication by the first generation of microscopists in Italy, England and the Dutch Republic. This part of the project is supervised by dr. Sietske Fransen and prof.dr. Eric Jorink.

A full description of the project is available upon request.

Job requirements

Candidates for this position should have a (research) master's degree in history, history of art, or a comparable discipline, focusing on the early modern period. In addition, you:

- have knowledge of the scientific debates in the seventeenth century;
- have experience with visual analysis and interest in drawing, printmaking and medality;
- are able to read contemporary sources in Latin, English, Dutch and, preferably, Italian
- have excellent English written and oral communication skills;
- are collaborative and like to work in a team.

Appointment

The appointment at the Huygens Institute concerns an employment contract of 1,0 FTEs for a period of one year with a view to an extension of up to 4 years.

The PhD projects is expected to start around November 1, 2021, but the exact starting date is negotiable.

Terms of employment

The gross monthly salary is € 2.395,-- per month in the first year, rising to € 3.061,-- in the fourth year, based on a fulltime appointment. The salary is supplemented with an 8% holiday allowance and an 8.3% end-of-year bonus. The [Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities](#) is applicable.

The Royal Academy of Arts and Science offers an attractive pension scheme, 6 weeks of holiday per year, the possibility to buy or sell holiday leave, as well as career development opportunities. Flexible hours and part-time working from home are negotiable.

Additional information

For more information please contact: Eric Jorink, eric.jorink@huygens.knaw.nl.

How to apply

Please submit your application no later than September 12, 2021 by sending your motivation letter, CV and two names and addresses of two referees to sollicitaties@bb.huc.knaw.nl using the subject heading "PhD Visualizing the Unknown".

Interviews will take place on September 27, 2021.

The Humanities Cluster is an equal opportunities employer, aiming for diversity in e.g. age, gender and cultural background. We especially welcome applications by candidates who can increase the Academy's diversity.

No recruitment agencies please.