

## Options for doing a PhD

University funded position, PhD in the Humanities. (deadline Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, only two more rounds). Your own research plan, limited options and very competitive.

Within a project, lead by a PI. Positions advertised on academic transfer. Regular job application process.

Project needs to fit your interest and experience, somewhat restricted in your freedom. The supervisor is the Principal Investigator. Working in a team, for EU project an international team.

Other options include:

- Self funded (buitenpromovendus)
- Working and doing a PhD paid by your employer, usually for 0.2 or 0.4 fte.
- Doctoral grants for teachers

EU funds  
ERC Starting,  
Consolidator,  
Advanced grant  
H2020, Marie  
Curie, HERA

PhD candidates in The Netherlands are employees of the university, not students

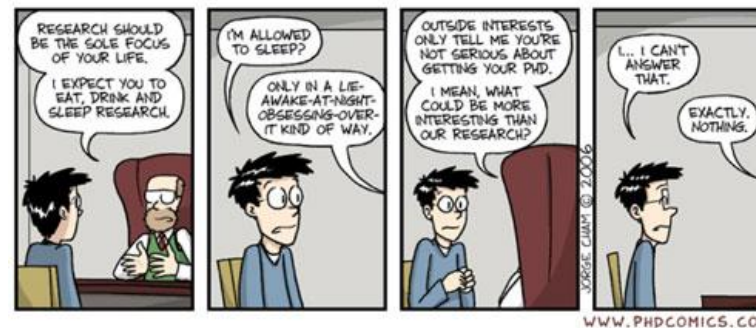
PhD candidates are appointed for 4 years in the case of a full-time appointment. They often spend part of their time teaching (approximately 10%).

Also possible: a 50/50 position.

Exception: PhD students are accepted in Groningen and Rotterdam. Not employed by the university, they receive a bursary of 1700 euro a month.

Pro: More positions can be offered

Con: No employment status, so no social security, maternity leave, pension etc.



## Research funding

First flow – Universities receive government funding and tuition fees

Second flow – Grants from NWO (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research) and KNAW (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences)

Third flow - Remaining income including resources from the EU (European Commission, European Research Council, the HERA network) and contract teaching and research

NWO funds  
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Open  
Competition  
PhD in the  
Humanities

## TIPS AND TRICKS

Involve a potential supervisor at an early stage. It is useful to discuss your research plan and they will have a good idea about whether or not your cv is strong enough.

Doing a PhD should not be taken lightly. It is a career step that will keep you occupied for the next four years at least. Give it some serious thought; is this really what you want?

Publish. Nobody expects you to have published in top-notch journals, but having (scientific) publications will help and so will other relevant academic activities.

Consider other options. The field is competitive and in the end you may not find a position. Make a plan B!