

# PostDoc Network FSE

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## From the Council

Dear Fellow Postdoc,

We are happy to launch our **Whatsapp Postdoc Community** - we hope this can bring us all closer together.

Take advantage of it and use it to raise questions, suggestions, plan events and support each other.

Just don't share any sensitive information.

[Join us here](#) and tell your colleagues to join as well.



In parallel we will continue sharing our monthly newsletters.

Have you heard about the **Deeptech Pioneer Fellowship** program at FSE?

This is a one-year program at FSE designed for PhD students and postdocs who want to transform their research into impactful businesses. If you want to stay informed about the latest news (outside the regular communication) [you can subscribe here](#).

Also, did you know **The GIANT Mentoring Program**? It is designed to support early career researchers in navigating academia. This program connects postdocs and assistant professors with experienced staff who can provide guidance on various aspects of academic life, including career development, leadership, networking, and balancing academic responsibilities. You can find [more information and register here](#).

The **Bèta in Bestuur en Beleid** / BiBB (STEM in Governance & Policy) is organizing a **summer school** for STEM PhD students and postdocs interested in a policy career, it will be on 25 - 29 August 2025, [check their website for more details](#).

**Support Academic Mental Health Study by the University van Amsterdam** - Working in academia can be both rewarding and challenging, especially for early-career researchers. If you are a PhD candidate or postdoc, they are inviting you to take part in an important study exploring your mental health experiences. Your participation can make a difference—both for yourself and for

the future of academic mental health. [Click here to read more and sign up!](#) Or check the flyer at the end.

Don't forget our first **Career Series Event** of 2025 will focus on navigating the **transition to industrial positions** and will be held on **March 6<sup>th</sup>** — Check our three panelists and all details on our Events Session below.

This month we received a new member to our council: Nikita Ivanov. Learn more about him on our [website](#) - and if you feel inspired join us as well! We still miss representatives from many FSE Institutes.

Best regards,  
PostDoc Council

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#### News from the Institutes

Bernoulli Institute for Mathematics, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence

- Prof. Paris Avgeriou (Bernoulli Institute) has acquired a EUR 4.5 million grant within the ITEA program, entitled Managing Sustainability Tradeoffs (MAST). This project will deal with the complex engineering trade-offs involved in optimizing both environmental and technical sustainability and will apply its results in cyber-physical systems and (green) cloud computing.

Centre for Learning and Teaching (CLT)

- Dr. Betzabe Torres Olave has been awarded a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowship, with a perfect score of 100% (!), for the project with title Pedagogies for the Imagination: Science Education for Climate Just Futures. Dr. Torres Olave will work with prof. Lucy Avraamidou at the Centre for Learning and Teaching.

Engineering and Technology Institute Groningen (ENTEG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Elisabeth Wilhelm is a key partner in a consortium developing a revolutionary type 2 diabetes app. Thanks to the EFRO grant, the consortium around Diavantis can develop the app that will combine AI and IoT technology to analyze real-time health data and provide personalized guidance on topics such as nutrition, exercise, stress, and sleep.</li> </ul>
Groningen Institute for Evolutionary Life Sciences (GELIFES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor of Global Flyway Ecology Theunis Piersma has been appointed a Knight in the National Order of Mauritania. He was awarded this distinction in recognition of his dedication to nature conservation in the Banc d'Arguin, a vital ecological region in the West African country.</li> </ul>
Stratingh Institute for Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor of Homogeneous Catalysis Syuzanna R. Harutyunyan has been awarded an ERC Proof of Concept Grant from the European Research Council to develop innovative chiral ligands for more efficient and sustainable production of chiral molecules, which are vital for effective drugs and chemicals.</li> </ul>

In this issue, news was not available from the following institutes: ESRIG, GBB, GRIP, Kapteyn, VSI and ZIAM.

## Events

### From Post-doc to industry: Career Series 2025

Our Career Series is designed to provide valuable insights into different career paths post-Ph.D. For this session, we have the pleasure of hosting distinguished panelists who have successfully transitioned from postdoctoral positions to non-academic roles within industrial settings. They will share their experiences, tips on applying for non-academic positions and answer your questions in an open discussion format.

We are pleased to welcome 3 panelists who want to share their experience with you:

- **Gerald Metselaar: Product Development Specialist at BASF**
- **Bharat Gehlot: Quantitative Risk Modeller at ABN AMRO Bank N.V.**
- **Ignacio Faustino: Investment Manager at Future Tech Ventures**

After the panel discussion, we invite you to stay for the borrel where you can network with peers and discuss the insights gained.

Event Details: Zernike Campus - **5159.0291 - Energy Academy Building** (you can also join online)

Please [RSVP by March 1](#) to still secure your spot.

Date: **March 6, 2025**

Time: **16:00 - 17:00**

We hope to see you there.

**Migraine**



**Hypertension**



**Post-doc**



**Stress**



**PhD**



# ARE YOU A PHD CANDIDATE OR A POST-DOC?

We are studying mental health in early-career researchers and we want to hear from you. You can contribute by completing three short online surveys, each taking approximately 10 minutes, spaced 4 weeks apart.

## Why participate?

- ✓ Make an impact on academic mental health
- ✓ Win a prize – 1 of 6 cash prizes (€150 x 2 or €50 x 4)
- ✓ Free workshop – insights from mental health experts

## Scan to learn more and sign up!



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## Postdoc NL News

We want to inform you that **PostdocNL and PNN are looking for a project assistant** to help with some of our tasks in the upcoming months. Check the attached PDF with the vacancy details. You can apply until March 8.

The [European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers](#) (Eurodoc), a pan-European organisation that represents PhD candidates, postdocs, and other early career researchers across Europe—**is inviting early career representatives to join their ambassador programme.**

**Ambassador programme on “Values and Democracy in European Research and Higher Education”.** The 13-week programme is open to everyone and free of charge. You can find [more info and a registration link here](#).

## About the Newsletter

If you would like to contribute news or information, email it to us at [fse.postdoc.network@rug.nl](mailto:fse.postdoc.network@rug.nl). To unsubscribe, send an email to [fse.postdoc.network@rug.nl](mailto:fse.postdoc.network@rug.nl) with UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject line; the body of the email can be left blank.



## **Opdracht: ZFP Projectmedewerker Implementatie PNN en PostdocNL**

**Ben jij een zelfstandige professional met ervaring in projectondersteuning en affiniteit met de academische wereld? Wil jij bijdragen aan het creëren van een sterker platform voor promovendi en postdocs in Nederland? Dan zijn wij op zoek naar jou!**

### **Over PNN en PostdocNL**

PNN (Promovendi Netwerk Nederland) is de landelijke belangenorganisatie voor promovendi. PNN zet zich in voor betere arbeidsomstandigheden, loopbaanperspectieven en begeleiding voor promovendi in Nederland. PostdocNL vertegenwoordigt postdocs en zet zich in voor hun professionele ontwikkeling, sociale veiligheid, en toekomstperspectieven in de academische en niet-academische wereld.

PNN en PostdocNL werken samen aan belangrijke thema's voor startende onderzoekers zoals diversiteit en inclusie, sociale veiligheid en professionalisering binnen het hoger onderwijs en onderzoek.

### **De opdracht**

Met financiële steun van het Ministerie van OCW zullen PNN en PostdocNL hun samenwerking versterken en beide organisaties verder professionaliseren. Voor de implementatie van deze subsidie zoeken wij een ZFP-projectmedewerker die een centrale rol zal spelen bij:

- Het leiden van de implementatie van de subsidie
- Het coördineren en organiseren van vergaderingen en evenementen, inclusief het opzetten van een gezamenlijke overlegstructuur.
- Het ondersteunen bij het opzetten van PostdocNL als vereniging, inclusief het aantrekken van lidorganisaties.
- Het ondersteunen bij administratieve taken, zoals het opstellen en uitzetten van opdrachten en het aantrekken van externe adviseurs.
- Het stroomlijnen van interne processen en het verbeteren van communicatie tussen PNN en PostdocNL.

De opdracht loopt van **februari tot september 2025**, met een mogelijke verlenging bij verstrekking van het beoogde tweede deel van de subsidie. Startdatum is zo spoedig mogelijk.

### **Wat verwachten we van jou?**

- Ervaring met administratieve en projectmatige werkzaamheden.
- Sterke organisatorische vaardigheden en een gestructureerde werkwijze.
- Affiniteit met de academische wereld, bij voorkeur ervaring met promovendi en/of postdocs.
- Uitstekende communicatievaardigheden in zowel Nederlands als Engels.



- Proactieve en zelfstandige werkhouding.
- Beschikbaar voor gemiddeld 32 uur per week in de genoemde periode.
- Een eigen laptop en telefoon. PNN en PostdocNL hebben op dit moment geen kantoorruimte waar we een werkplek kunnen bieden.

### **Wat bieden wij?**

- Een uitdagende opdracht binnen twee toonaangevende organisaties in de academische wereld.
- Flexibiliteit in werktijden en werklocatie.
- Marktconforme vergoeding op ZZP-basis, met een maximum uurtarief van 65 euro.

### **Interesse?**

Stuur je CV, een korte motivatie, en zo mogelijk twee referenties, naar [penningmeester@hetpnn.nl](mailto:penningmeester@hetpnn.nl) vóór 8 maart. Heb je vragen over de opdracht? Neem contact op met Max Bloem via [penningmeester@hetpnn.nl](mailto:penningmeester@hetpnn.nl).

**Samen bouwen we aan een sterkere positie voor startende onderzoekers!**