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WIAS Graduate Programme call 2023

The WIAS Graduate Programme call 2023 involves the funding of one PhD position. The aim is to support a high potential and talented MSc student of WU to obtain their PhD through research at one of the WIAS chair groups on a subject of their choice. The call for the WIAS graduate programme is open to all MSc students from Wageningen University who graduate(d) between August 2022 and December 2023. The proposals must be written by the candidate with feedback from the anticipated supervisors of the project.

All applications need to be accompanied by a letter of support from the main supervisor(s) of the project and must be submitted no later than 15 August 2023 to Nicole Rodenburg.

More information about the criteria and conditions of the WIAS graduate programme can be found [here](#).

WIAS Visiting Scientist Fellowship

WIAS invites staff members who wish to invite guest researchers to submit a proposal for a WIAS Visiting Scientist fellowship. Please note that the activities should start in calendar year 2023. Deadline for application is 1 September 2023. More information and the application form can be found [here](#).

Vacancy Research Committee member

The WIAS Research Committee (RC) is looking for a new member! The RC consists of 5 WIAS staff members and meets four times a year, tasks are specified below.

Are you a WIAS assistant professor, associate professor or personal professor or a comparably qualified Wageningen Research staff member and related to one of the chair groups ABG, MAE or QVE? Would you like to join our committee? Then please contact Nicole Rodenburg (executive secretary WIAS) or Eddie Bokkers (Chair of WIAS RC) for additional information. To apply for the position send your CV and short motivation to Nicole Rodenburg.

The deadline for application is 1 September 2023. Starting date for the position is 1 October 2023.

Tasks

- The RC has the task of advising WIAS, both on request or unsolicited.
- The RC is responsible for assessing the reviews of WIAS proposals and rebuttals and take a decision based upon those. The proposals are equally divided over the members of the RC.
- At least one RC member is part of the jury of the WIAS graduate programme.
- The RC can be asked to assist in the organisation of interdisciplinary workshops.
- The RC members can be asked to be part of the jury of one of the WGS programmes.

WIAS Lunch Lectures

The next hybrid lunch lecture on 5 September 2023 entitled "Of worried horses, optimistic calves and bored pigs - studying animal emotion across species" will be given in Zodiac, room A0107, by Dr Sara Hintze, visiting researcher at the Adaptation Physiology group.

WIAS is looking for postdocs, staff or guest researchers who would like to present their work in 2024. Interested? Please send an email to wias@wur.nl. The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month from 12.15-13.00 (lunch is available at 12.00).

WAPS News

WAPS Chair Groups Lunch and Update Meeting

The WAPS Council recently held its first Chair Groups Lunch and Update meeting on June 23rd. With this initiative we aim to foster greater involvement of and connection among PhD candidates from all chair groups. Our primary goals are to facilitate the sharing of experiences and best practices, and therewith to better serve the needs of all the PhD candidates.

In the upcoming brainstorm meeting, which will take place after the summer break, we will focus on discussing the structure and function of the WAPS, with the goal of improving our services to all the PhD candidates from ASG. Looking ahead, our long-term agenda includes various important topics such as PhD teaching duties, the different types of PhD contracts, and collaboration with the WUR PhD Council on matters related to PhD housing, mental health, and supervision.

To ensure effective representation of the PhDs we serve, the WAPS board is currently implementing changes within the WAPS. Once every three months we have (1) an update meeting with the different committees/chair, such as the Education committee, WUR PhD Council, Accie, chair, representative of the WIAS board; (2) A Chair Groups Lunch and Update meeting, where a representative from each chair group gives an update on PhD matters in their chair group; and (3) Brainstorm sessions, to discuss a relevant topic in depth.

If you are interested in contributing to a better PhD experience or would like to discuss how you can get involved, please do not hesitate to contact the WAPS! Together, we can work towards a supportive and inclusive environment for all PhD candidates.

Naturalis and Hortus Botanicus

WAPS biggest activity of this year was in Leiden, where we visited the Naturalis Museum and Hortus Botanicus. It was a fun day that we spent with fellow PhD students! Here are some nice pictures from the day. Thank you to everyone who joined, you were a fun group!



WAPS BBQ

WAPS hosted a BBQ in front of the Forum building to mark the beginning of summer. It was a good spot to eat, talk and play some games. We had a great time! Enjoy your summer!



Contact WAPS

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WIAS Magazine

The 7th WIAS Magazine edition - Spring 2023

You can read all about the research done by your colleagues in the WIAS magazine. We recently published the Spring edition which includes articles about research done with pigs and fish at ABG, ANU, AFI, HMI, and ADP, as well as interesting ChatGPT reflections and a tour past animal inspired art on campus. We want to thank all the authors for their contributions.



Get in contact: wias.magazine@wur.nl
Website: [WIAS magazine - WUR](#)

WIAS Seminars and Courses

WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open)

Date	Course
20-22 September	LAS Species Specific course on Fish
9, 16, 23 & 31 October	WGS course Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings
16-18, 23 & 24 October	WIAS course Image Analysis
19 October	WIAS Introduction Day
25, 26, 27 October	WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD
13-17 November	WIAS Course Sensor applications for aquatic species
12 December	WIAS course The Final Touch

For an overview of WIAS courses and seminars please click [here](#).

Other Courses

WGS Courses

30 August 2023 – Workshop

[Introduction to LaTeX](#)

1 September 2023

[Last stretch of the PhD programme](#)

1 September 2023

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#)

14 September, 12 October, 7 November & Individual Coaching session

[The Choice: Un-box your PhD process & take charge of your performance](#)

18-19 September & 9 October 2023

[Communication with the media and the general public](#)

20, 27 September, 11, 25 October 2023

[Effective and efficient communication in academia and beyond](#)

27 September 2023

[Stress identification & management](#)

27 September, 4 October 2023 & Individual Career Assessment

[Career Development for Postdocs: Science and the Alternatives](#)

23 November 2023

[Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript](#)

Individual planning

[Career assessment](#)

For a complete overview of all competence, skills and career development training activities, please click [here](#).

Other courses and training of interest

[Writing Lab Free feedback on your academic text during the Editing Desk walk-in hours](#)

[Academic English \(English for IELTS and RATER\)](#)

[Sports Centre the Bongerd offers health courses](#)

Farming Systems and Rural Livelihoods Analysis

This course is organised by PE&RC from 10-22 September 2023, for more information about this course please go to [Farming Systems and Rural Livelihoods Analysis | PE&RC \(pe-rc.nl\)](#)

Protein Quality Evaluation and Application

This course is organised by VLAG from 18-20 September 2023, for more information about this course please go to [Protein quality evaluation and application - Vlag Graduate School](#)

Embracing openness: an introduction to Open Science practices

This online course is organized by University Twente & WIMEK-Sense from 2-6 October 2023, for more information about this course go to <https://sense.nl/course/open-science/>

Big data exploration and object-oriented programming with Python

This course is organized by WIMEK-Sense from 9-13 October 2023, for more information about this course please go to [PhD course Big data exploration and object-oriented programming with Python - WUR](#)

Big Data Analysis in the Life Sciences

This course is organised by VLAG from 23-26 October 2023, for more information about this course please go to <https://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/en/courses/course/bda23-1.htm>

Library courses

4, 11, 18, 25 September 2023 – Course

[Adobe Illustrator – scientific artwork & infographics](#)

12 September 2023 – Workshop

[Search efficiently in the right database](#)

14, 21, 28 September 2023 – Course

[Research Data Management, parts 1-3](#)

14 September 2023 – Presentation (online)

[Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates](#)

26 September 2023 – Workshop

[Citing and referencing: Lunch workshop](#)

3 October 2023 – Presentation

[Endnote, demonstration session](#)

10 & 11 October 2023 – Course

[Searching and Organising Literature for PhD Candidates](#)

12 October 2023 – Course

[Scientific Publishing](#)

12 October 2023 – Presentation (online)

[Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates](#)

19, 26 October, 2, 9 November 2023 – Course

[Adobe Illustrator – scientific artwork & infographics](#)

Ina Hulsegge

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)

Date: 27 September 2023

Time: 16:00

Genomics applied to conservation of genetic diversity in Dutch livestock

(co)promotors:

*Prof. Dr RF Veerkamp, Dr AC Bouwman,
Dr JJ Windig*

Priadi Setyawan

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)

Date: 2 October 2023

Time: 13:30

Breeding for salinity tolerant tilapia

(co)promotors:

*Prof. Dr J Komen, Dr JWM Bastiaansen,
Dr MD Camara*

Benan Gulzari

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)

Date: 2 October 2023

Time: 16:00

All fish deserve a breeding program

Pauline Jéhannet

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)

Date: 4 October 2023

Time: 16:00

How to make good eel larvae?

Calls

Call for INREF Seed Money Projects 2023

INREF programme focus on collaboration: between disciplines, between geographical locations, between institutes including those from the countries involved (local partners) and between funding agencies by integrating various funding initiatives into concise research projects. More information on the objectives of INREF and expected outputs of the programme can be found [here](#).

Wageningen Graduate Schools (WGS) Postdoc Talent Programme Call for proposals 2023

The Postdoc Talent Programme offers talented researchers from abroad the opportunity to start a career at WUR. Applications should demonstrate the added value of the grant for the applicant's career and the value of the applicant's expertise for WUR. Talented eligible researchers can apply for a two-year position within one of the Wageningen University research groups. The position may result in an application for personal funding. For more information please [click here](#).

Graduate School Green Top Sectors TKI 2023

The green top sectors TKI graduate programme is aimed at MSc students who have written their own PhD project. Staff members of the graduate schools EPS, PE&RC, WIAS, VLAG, WIMEK and WASS can apply as main applicant. The research subject must fit within the research missions of the Knowledge and Innovation Agendas of the top sectors. Awarded projects will be funded by TKI funds (this is third stream funding). For more information please [click here](#).

The Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship – Call for Applications

The Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship supports the best and brightest minds in their postdoctoral research in Israel, connecting them with world-class academics and leading researchers. The fellowship is open to applicants from all around the world.

The fellowship provides significant funding, academic programming, and support to 24 international postdoctoral researchers, enabling them to carry out research in exact sciences, life sciences, humanities, and social sciences at eligible Israeli academic institutions.

The online application system is set to open on September 1, 2023 [Call for Applications](#).

Other news

Heidelberg University Summer academy 10-15 September 2023

At the limits of LIFE: Dealing with Biofacts, Embryoids and Hybrids – Perspectives from Sciences and Humanities, for more information go to the [website](#).

International Symposium Dietary Protein for Human Health 14-16 September 2023

The three-day conference will be held both in-person (Utrecht, NL) and virtually, with proceedings published in a leading open-access journal. Original research in the form of [abstracts](#) is welcome. Abstracts will be published and presented in posters and selected oral sessions. Go to the [website](#).

5th Global Food Security Conference 9-12 April 2024

Join us to discuss developments towards equitable, sustainable and resilient food systems at the 5th Global Food Security Conference 9-12 April 2024. For more information go to the [website](#).

If you have any questions about this WIAS News please contact WIAS at wias@wur.nl