

CLUE+ FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME



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RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR
CULTURE, COGNITION HISTORY AND HERITAGE



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CLUE+ is the interfaculty institute for research of culture, cognition, history and heritage, based at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. It brings together unique combinations of scholars from the Humanities, Theology, Social Sciences, Sciences, Economic and Business Administration, Earth and Life sciences and Law to work on joint projects, reflect upon societal challenges and formulate strategies to address those challenges.

CLUE+ seeks to promote its innovative research by attracting visiting researchers from around the world. One of the ways we do this is the CLUE+ Fellowship Programme. This programme is open for two categories of research fellows:

- CLUE+ Research Fellows: Experienced academics who hold a doctoral degree, or professors in one of the research fields of culture, cognition, history or heritage. In addition to pursuing independent research, visiting fellows are expected to collaborate on research projects and publications with CLUE+ members.
- CLUE+ Affiliated Researcher: senior or junior researchers (with a doctoral degree or enrolled in a doctoral programme) who wish to benefit from working in the context of one of the CLUE+ programmes.

Application guidelines:

- Each applicant must have a reasonably high proficiency in spoken and written English.
- A complete application in both categories will include:
 - CV (including list of publications)
 - Research proposal/ research motivation (including 200 words abstract)
 - Letter of recommendation of a CLUE+ researcher
 - Intended duration of stay
 - Preferred period of stay
 - A budget plan
- Applications must be directed to the Director of CLUE+, prof. dr. Gert-Jan Burgers and sent to clue@vu.nl

Further remarks:

If you are considering a stay at the VU Amsterdam, we kindly invite you to read the brochure [Nice to meet you at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam](#). The brochure provides an overview of useful information for a move to the Netherlands.

Upon fellowship admission, [the International Office](#) will do its utmost to assist in finding suitable accommodation for our visiting researchers and fellows. For information [click here](#):

CLUE+ Research Fellows

CLUE+ has the possibility to welcome four research fellows each year. Two of them will be approached and invited directly by the institute, but other senior researchers are also invited to apply for a fellowship.

Visiting research fellows are selected on the basis of experience, prior professional achievements, the quality of the proposed research, and its fit within CLUE+. All applicants must be proficient in English. Applications will be judged by the programme director of the preferred research programme, who will also be the main contact for the applicant regarding all matters related to the fellowship.

Visiting research fellows devote up to six months in residence at the VU Universiteit to pursue independent research and collaborate with faculty members on projects and publications. We ask you for a presentation of your research project while in residence. Visitors who stay for more than three months are expected to publish



at least one publication in conjunction with the affiliated research programme. We expect that the fellowship programme will result in a mutually beneficial relationship (e.g. lectures, symposium, workshop, writing a combined research proposal) between the visitors and the faculty a relationship which extends beyond the tenure of the fellowship itself.

Publications that result from the research done in Amsterdam should name the interfaculty research institute CLUE⁺. A copy of the publication should be sent to the director of CLUE⁺ and the head of the department or research group in which the research fellow participated.

Visiting research fellows have full access to the CLUE⁺ network and to the Vrije Universiteit university library, as well as a wide range of other university libraries.

Senior research fellows will receive a bench fee up to €5000,-- for a six-month stay, to cover

- travelling expenses
- accommodation expenses
- living costs

A short budget plan with expected expenditures will be requested.

CLUE⁺ Affiliated Researcher

Affiliated researchers are selected on the basis of experience, prior professional achievements, the quality of the proposed research, and its fit within our faculty. All applicants must be proficient in English. Applications will be judged by the programme director of the preferred research programme, who will also be the main contact for the applicant regarding all matters related to the fellowship.

Visiting affiliated researchers devote between six months and one year at the VU Universiteit to pursuing independent research and collaborate with CLUE⁺ members on projects and publications. We ask you for a presentation of your research project during your stay at the Institute. You are also required to publish at least one publication in conjunction with the affiliated research programme. We expect that the research period will result in a mutually beneficial relationship between the visitors and CLUE⁺, a relationship which extends beyond the tenure of the fellowship itself.

Affiliated researchers will be asked to offer at least one guest class or lecture to students.

Publications or papers that result from the research done in Amsterdam should name the interfaculty research institute CLUE⁺. A copy of the publication should be sent to the director of CLUE⁺ and the head of the department or research group in which the research fellow participated.

Affiliated researchers will receive a guest status at the Vrije Universiteit, paid for by CLUE⁺. The guest status provides facilities at the Vrije Universiteit, including computers, libraries (University Library VU) and desk space. A concise budget plan with expected expenditures will be requested. All affiliated researchers must be able to assure that they have the means to support themselves for the whole duration of their stay.



