

Application, assessment and admission

You may submit an application throughout the year using the application form that can be downloaded from www.uvh.nl. You may also request an exploratory interview with a member of the Graduate School team, prior to your application. Candidates who satisfy the formal admission requirements will be invited to participate in an assessment procedure. This procedure involves a written part and a personal assessment interview. The interviews will be conducted twice a year, in June and October. After admission, the foundation year commences in January. A maximum of 25 participants are admitted to the PhD programme each year.

Fees

The annual programme fees are twice the legally established tuition fees for bachelor and master students. For the 2010 – 2011 year the fees will be € 3344,-.

Additional information

More detailed information about the curriculum, the assessment procedure and the admission procedures may be obtained on www.uvh.nl.

Exploratory interview

You may request an appointment for an exploratory interview with someone from the Graduate School team by sending an e-mail to gs@uvh.nl. Please include your telephone number.



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GRADUATE SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY FOR HUMANISTICS

THE NETHERLANDS



**Arie Goijaarts (45), Lecturer
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"I had been toying with the idea of getting a PhD for years. Opportunities to achieve this aim never quite materialized. The Graduate School has finally given me the academic framework, as well as the structure, to conduct research within my own professional environment. My aspiration to pursue a PhD is mainly personal. I see it as self-actualization. The hardest part is finding enough time in my busy schedule and refocus my thinking. Nonetheless, I really enjoy the combination of study and work."

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The Graduate School of the University for Humanistics (UvH) is a four-year PhD programme that combines course work and individual research, resulting in a PhD thesis. The programme's main focus is on supporting multidisciplinary research in and about professional practices. This orientation makes the Graduate School ideal for professionals with several years' work experience who aspire to personal and professional development through academic research. The Graduate School programme is concerned with contemporary social, ethical and ideological issues in society and in organisations in which the candidates work.



The University for Humanistics is a renowned academic centre of knowledge, inspired by the humanist body of thought. Through academic educational programmes and research, the UvH aims to contribute to the development of a meaningful life and a humane society.

The UvH Graduate School offers:

- well-structured research supervision;
- an excellent course work programme on scientific perspectives, research methods and academic skills;
- the creation of an inspiring community of researchers sharing knowledge and experience;
- a flexible programme that is compatible with candidates' interests and experience.

Programme structure

A Graduate School programme foundation year commences each January. The participants develop an extensive research proposal that they submit for approval to the UvH Doctorate Board. Research proposal approval gives admission to the subsequent years of the Graduate School.

Foundation year

In the foundation year participants write a well-founded, academically sound research proposal, which must be practically feasible and socially relevant. Spread over the year, there are four weeks of course work in the foundation phase of the programme, with lectures by UvH staff and guests from other Dutch and international academic institutions. There is also personal, one-to-one tutoring, and peer group learning sessions in which PhD students discuss their ongoing development.

Foundation year programme

Week 1 (end of January)	introduction and orientation
Week 2 (mid April)	research methodology
Week 3 (end of June)	perspectives on meanings of life preliminary selection of a research supervision team
Week 4 (mid September)	perspectives on the concept of humanization, both in the context of Dutch society and in global perspective
November	submission and assessment of research proposal

The second, third and fourth year

Research is conducted under supervision in the second and third year of the PhD programme. The participants are given personal feedback on intermediate results, and participate in three weeks of course work that focus on substantive matters and research methodology. PhD students may also participate in one of the four multidisciplinary UvH umbrella research projects. In addition, they will join one of the professorial groups, in which they discuss their draft chapters. The thesis is completed in the fourth (and possibly fifth) year of the programme. There is no more course work programme at this stage. Supervision occurs in one of the professorial groups and on an individual basis.



Lia Hol (45), self-employed career and management consultant

"I have a business background, but I am also always on the lookout for academic and professional development opportunities. Development is important. As a self-employed consultant I feel I need to continuously seek new sources of inspiration. The Graduate School gives me the opportunity to translate my fascination with my work into a substantiated research focus. I think it's a great privilege to be able to pursue my own research questions. On the other hand, academic research is not part of my everyday routine, which is why the sessions with lecturers and fellow students are so important. They give me feedback and keep me going."