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INTERESTED IN A PHD?



A TOP GLOBAL RESEARCH INSTITUTION

Founded in 1614, the University of Groningen (UG) is one of the Netherlands' largest and most prestigious research universities, home to around 34,000 students and over 4,700 PhD candidates.

Ranked among the top 100 universities worldwide, UG offers an inspiring environment that could be the perfect fit for you!



UG PhD FACTS

- 4,700 PhD candidates (55% international)
- Home to a Mexican community of around 130 members
- 691 PhD theses defended in 2024 (the majority in English)
- Sandwich PhD opportunities
- Top-up Scholarships available (conditions apply)



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP UG & UNAM

The UG and **Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)** have a strong partnership focused on research and education.

In 2019, the UG opened its first international representative office at UNAM, strengthening this collaboration. One of the key outcomes is our **Double Degree (DD) PhD program**, enrolling about 50 students so far.

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UG & MEXICO

In 2009, the UG became the first Dutch university to partner with Mexican Ministry of Education, Science, Humanities, Technology, and Innovation (SECIHTI) (formerly: CONAHCYT) creating funding opportunities for Mexican PhD students. Since then, many have come to Groningen on SECIHTI scholarships.

The UG offers the most generous top-up to external scholarships in the Netherlands. This means that admitted **PhD students sponsored by SECIHTI receive a total of approximately €1,875 per month**, making it easier to focus on what really matters—your research! (Conditions apply).



You won't find these benefits at any other Dutch university!

ADMISSION AT THE UG

In the Netherlands, only research universities can award PhD degrees. Unlike in Mexico, there are no separately accredited PhD programs. Instead, your admission to a PhD program at the University of Groningen (UG) is based on three main criteria:

- **Having a supervisor at the UG** who specializes in your research area and agrees to support your application
- **Securing (Conditional) admission** to a UG PhD Program through one of the Faculty Graduate Schools
- **Obtaining funding** for the duration of your PhD program (typically 4 years for a full PhD program).

How do I locate a supervisor?

All research fields:
check the UG
website



Biomedical and health
sciences research
fields:



Reach out directly to potential supervisor(s) you identified to explore possibilities!

Are you interested? Do you have any questions?

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