



The University of Groningen & Colombia

Are you interested in a PhD?

The University of Groningen (UG) may be the place for you! UG (founded 1614) is one of the largest comprehensive research universities in the Netherlands with about 34 thousand bachelor & master students and more than two thousand PhD candidates. UG consistently ranks among the Top-100 of the world's best universities (ARWU Shanghai & THE World University). UG has a broad offer of teaching and research programs at eleven faculties, ranging from Health Sciences, Life Sciences, and Science & Technology to the Social Sciences & Humanities. We are always interested in talented PhD students in any of those broader fields mentioned.

PhD in numbers

In 2021, a record number of nearly 650 students successfully defended their PhD thesis at UG. Approximately 50% of the PhD population is international and the large majority of PhD theses is written and defended in English. In those cases, no knowledge of Dutch is required. Currently, we are home to approximately thirty Colombian PhD students. We are also particularly proud of our Sandwich PhD collaboration with Universidad de Antioquia: about twenty students have enrolled in our double degree Sandwich PhD program since 2014; eleven have already graduated.

Admission to a PhD

In the Netherlands, only research universities may award PhD degrees and they do so based on their institutional accreditation as per Dutch law. This means that there are no separately accredited PhD programs as there are in Colombia. Instead, your admission to a UG doctoral program is based on two main criteria:

- › the availability of research expertise in the field of your interest, and the pre-acceptance by a supervisor affiliated to UG;
- › the availability of funding for the duration of your PhD program (about 4 years for a full PhD program).

How do I locate a supervisor?

In order to locate a researcher with expertise in your field:

- › review the UG website www.rug.nl (all fields) or www.groningenbiomed.com/phd-scholarship (for biomedical/health sciences) and contact a potential supervisor;
- › if you need help or have questions, contact Joyce Fongers via j.e.fongers@rug.nl with an English-language CV and a summary of your research project/interests and the name of any potential supervisor you may already have identified yourself

Funding

Groningen has hosted many Colombian students with a Colciencias (and Colfuturo) PhD scholarship up to 48 months.

UG is unique in The Netherlands because it provides admitted PhD students with a top-up of their scholarships (conditions apply): externally funded doctoral students currently receive a combined total of approx. €2.000 per month! In practice, this means that all Colombian PhD students admitted to UG and who successfully acquire a Minciencias grant for full PhD studies abroad will receive about €650 extra per month from UG. No other Dutch university offers these same conditions!

More information?

- › General information & matching with potential supervisors:
Joyce Fongers, j.e.fongers@rug.nl
- › Contact with a Colombian post-doctoral researcher who obtained his double degree PhD from Universidad de Antioquia & University of Groningen:
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