

Netherlands Fellowship Programmes

PhD studies

Requirements of Employer's statement

A candidate applying for an NFP fellowship must among other criteria be nominated by his or her employer. The employer must pledge to continue paying the candidate's salary and guarantees the candidate will be able to return to an equivalent position after the termination of the fellowship period. Therefore candidates must upload (online fellowship applications) or attach (paper fellowship applications) a letter from your employer to your fellowship application (employer's statement).

The employer's statement must :

- be written on your employing organization's official letter paper
- bear an official stamp and signature of you superior
- answer the following questions:
 - Why is your employing organization nominating this candidate?
 - How will this candidate's participation benefit from the result of this research?
 - What plans have been made for putting the candidate's newly acquired knowledge and skills to use within your organization?
- include the following promises:
 - That the candidate's salary will continue to be paid during the period for which the fellowship is awarded.
 - That at the end of the fellowship, period the candidate will be offered a position at least equivalent to the one that he or she holds at present.
 - That if the candidate is awarded an NFP fellowship, the employing organization will comply with all the formal obligations this entails.

Fellowship applications with employer's statements that do not fulfill abovementioned requirements are considered not eligible and will not be further assessed for an NFP fellowship.