

Assistant Professor at the department of Neuropsychology & Psychopharmacology, section Psychopharmacology, at the Faculty of Psychology & Neuroscience

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience (FPN) is an international faculty with students and staff from diverse cultural backgrounds who are linked by their shared curiosity about psychology (ranging from fundamental to applied). We stand for high-quality education and cutting edge research. Both our education and research programs have been top-ranked over the past years by external reviewing panels (e.g., Elsevier rankings). We pride ourselves for incorporating new developments and insights in our research and education. Furthermore, we believe strongly in multidisciplinary, looking at each topic from different angles and ensuring that the different specialists always work in close collaboration. By using the Problem-Based Learning method of teaching we encourage a similar curiosity and multidisciplinary in our students by handing them the tools needed for their future.

The Department of Neuropsychology and Psychopharmacology is seeking an Assistant Professor who could further strengthen our teaching and research activities. The department distinguishes 2 research programs that aim to assess cognitive function and human performance from a neuropsychological as well as a psychopharmacological perspective (for more information, please see below). In terms of teaching, the department is coordinating a Master program in Neuropsychology; Research Master programs in Drug Development and Neurohealth and a Research Master program in Neuropsychology. The Assistant Professor is explicitly asked to contribute to our flagship research and education programs.

Eligible candidates should have experience with and passion for teaching in our education programs. Teaching skills should match our small-scale student-centered Problem Based Learning program. The candidate also has a strong background in research on biological mechanisms and (preferably pharmacological) intervention models in individuals with mental and/or behavioral problems.

The research interests and experience of the candidate should preferably be aligned with, or complement, our existing research lines within the department. Recent publications (as a first author) in peer-reviewed, high impact journals in the relevant research areas should reflect the research interest. The candidate should have 2-4 year post-doc experience, and preferably have been successful in acquiring (personal) research grants. Also, the candidate should have obtained (or is willing to) the University Teaching Qualification.

Tasks

Teaching and coordinating courses at Bachelor- and Master level. For further specification see: <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/bachelor/bachelor-psychology/courses-curriculum>; <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/master/research-master-cognitive-and-clinical-neuroscience-specialisation-neuropsychology/courses-curriculum>. We also expect that the candidate supervises individual student research projects at Bachelor and Master level, and co-supervises PhD students.

The candidate communicates research findings in scientific journals and at international conferences. We expect that (s)he contributes to the acquisition of external research funding that strengthens the Department's research profile.

Specifications

- max. 38 hours per week, temporary
- €3475—€5405 per month
- Maastricht [View on Google Maps](#)



Maastricht University

Maastricht University (UM)

REQUIREMENTS

- PhD degree in a relevant subject area, ideally with a specialization in Psychopharmacology and/or (Clinical) Neuropsychology;
- 2-4 years of relevant post-doc experience following PhD graduation;
- Enthusiastic teacher in the field of Psychology and preferably demonstrable teaching qualities (a Dutch University Teaching Qualification (UTQ), a similar qualification, or willingness to obtain this qualification);
- Has experience in coordinating teaching modules (e.g., courses, skill training);
- High quality and constant level of research publications in international, peer-reviewed journals;
- Demonstrable success in acquiring research grants.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Initially, candidates are employed on a temporary contract as assistant professor (level 2) and agree to specific development goals. Five years into the appointment, candidates will be evaluated and if the development goals have been met, promoted to assistant professor (level 1) on a permanent contract. The evaluation can be brought forward if criteria are met earlier. On the candidate's request the evaluation can be deferred in case of special personal circumstances, such as pregnancy leave, parental leave or chronic illness.

Remuneration will be according to standard salary levels, depending on education and relevant work experience. This implies a minimum of € 3.637,- and a maximum of € 4.978,- gross per month for a full-time appointment of 38 hours per week (salary scale 11, Dutch Universities Conditions of Employment).

Each year the standard salary is supplemented with a holiday allowance of 8% and an end-of-year bonus of 8.3%.

The university's relocation policy stipulates that the selected candidate needs to move to (the vicinity of) Maastricht. If not already living in Maastricht (or its direct surroundings), (s)he will be eligible for an allowance for moving costs or an allowance for alternative housing. Other secondary conditions include e.g. a pension scheme and partially paid parental leave as well as a shared office space and a PC.

The terms of employment of Maastricht University are set out in the Collective Labour Agreement of Dutch Universities (CAO). Furthermore, local UM provisions also apply. For more information look at the website <http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl> > Support > UM employees.

EMPLOYER

Maastricht University provides an attractive, internationally-oriented academic environment where young people receive an advanced education and scholars conduct first-rate research.

Maastricht University is renowned for its unique, innovative, problem-based learning system, which is characterized by a small-scale and student-oriented approach. Research at UM is characterized by a multidisciplinary and thematic approach, and is concentrated in research institutes and schools. Maastricht University has around 16,500 students and 4,000 employees. Reflecting the university's strong international profile, a fair amount of both students and staff are from abroad. The university hosts 6 faculties: Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, Faculty of Law, School of Business and Economics, Faculty of Humanities and Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience.

Maastricht University is committed to nurturing an inclusive culture and a welcoming atmosphere. This inclusiveness strategy has resulted in a very diverse representation of nationalities and cultures. We strongly believe that diversity (including, but not limited to nationality, age and gender) of the staff and student population will increase the quality of UM education & research. Fostering diversity and inclusivity creates an academic community where individual talents thrive, and values and differences are cherished. We strongly encourage you to apply if you are qualified for this position.

<http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/>

DEPARTMENT

Department of Neuropsychology and Psychopharmacology

The department is internationally recognized and has an outstanding track record in Education and Research. Our Psychopharmacological research focuses on the cognitive, behavioral, and biological effects of various substances, ranging from pharmaceutical to recreational drugs. Our Neuropsychological research lines encompass: Lifespan psychology with particular emphasis on perception, action, cognition, learning and their neuroplasticity and rehabilitation of stroke and neurodegenerative diseases. We utilize all modern neuroimaging techniques (fMRI, MRS, M/EEG, TMS) as well as behavioral methods. The Department of Neuropsychology and Psychopharmacology is responsible for two Research Master Programs (Neuropsychology and Drug Development and NeuroHealth) and one Master Program (Neuropsychology), which continuously attracts highly motivated and outstanding national and international students. We also engage in teaching within the Bachelor Program of Psychology and other programs at Maastricht University.