

**Position**

The department of Planning and Environment, the Faculty of Spatial Sciences at the University of Groningen is in need of an outstanding

(Senior) researcher / Lecturer / Post doc (M/V)

The candidate will have to contribute to the research programme regarding regional development. Head of the Programme is prof. dr. Gert de Roo.

The research in the Programme on regional development is done by spatial planners, geographers and academics with a focus on decision-making. Various topics emerge within the Programme, such as: the design of alternative spatial-economic concepts; designing new perspectives for regional development; theoretical and empirical underpinning of the diversity of urban-rural relationships; peri-urban developments from an international perspective. With these issues the Programme wants to contribute to debate regarding transitions, to identifying trends and to understand regional development. We would like to reflect upon these trends academically and from a societal point of view. We appreciate candidates with a creative and critical attitude, and who are in the position to contribute to new and emerging understandings of the themes mentioned, and who are willing to take a leading role in ongoing research.

The main tasks are taking care of, taking a lead in and the acquisition of applied and fundamental research on regional and peri-urban matters. It also includes the daily supervision of PhD research, the supervision of students writing their master thesis, etc.

Qualifications:

The candidate should have a PhD in spatial planning, social geography, decision making or any other relevant discipline with a clear affinity to regional and peri-urban relations. We favour a candidate with experience in both applied and fundamental and in qualitative research, and with an interest in theoretical reflections, and knowledge of regional and peri-urban developments.

Obviously the candidate should have the ability to express him or her self outstanding in English – oral and in writing.

Conditions:

The candidate will become employee of the University of Groningen, The Netherlands. The position will be temporarily for a period of two years. Salary will be in line with the general university regulations, will depend on number of years of research experience and qualifications, and will vary between € 2,852.- and 3,381.-per month, full time, aside from 8% holiday funding.

Organisation:

The Faculty of Spatial Sciences at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands has 75 staff members, who are responsible for education and research at an academic level, within the fields of spatial planning, social geography and demography. All research at the Faculty is coordinated by URSI, the Urban and Regional Studies Institute. Research projects are done within an interdisciplinary setting, with on the one hand a focus on urban and regional structures and empirical processes, and on the other hand human behaviour and interventions in urban and regional structures.

To apply:

You are invited to apply before the first of December 2007.

Your application requires the following matter:

1. A letter of maximum two pages, which includes a clear and straight forward motivation.
2. A complete and accurate curriculum vitae.
3. A letter of recommendation.
4. Examples of relevant work (max 2 papers).

The application can be emailed to g.de.roo@rug.nl or per regular post to:

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Information

Please, find the URSI website <http://www.rug.nl/ursi>, the Faculty website <http://www.rug.nl/frw> and the RuimteRijk website <http://www.ruimte-rijk.nl>.

You can also email prof. dr. G. de Roo, g.de.roo@rug.nl.