**VCAS/VU Talent fund 2025 NOMINATION FORM**

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| The deadline for submissions is **02 June 2025**.Please send your nomination by email to Department University Relations and Fundraising VU, to the attention of Kaat Burbidge-van Velde ([c.d.burbidge@vu.nl](mailto:c.d.burbidge@vu.nl)), secretary on behalf of VU Amsterdam. Winners will be announced by June 30 2025. |

1. **Explanatory notes**

Purpose

Over 400 PhD students graduate from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam each year. Some of them would like to pursue an academic career, but the university can only accommodate a limited number of talented PhD graduates. With this grant, the foundation Van Coeverden Adriani Stichting (VCAS) and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam aim to see highly trained, talented PhD graduates stay on at (or return to) VU Amsterdam. The VCAS/VU Talent grant provides funding for research projects. During the assessment process, the nominees' efforts with regard to knowledge transfer (societal impact, entrepreneurship and teaching) are weighted the same as their research accomplishments.

What it is

The Executive Board of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the Board of the Van Coeverden Adriani Stichting (VCAS) have jointly set up a fund dedicated to keeping talented researchers who gained their doctoral degrees at VU Amsterdam at the university, or bringing them back to the university, by matching the amount of their contract. The VCAS/VU Talent Fund will disburse up to €80,000 each year to two winners (maximum €40,000 per person). The relevant faculty will co-finance the grant for at least one-third of the monetary amount.

Who it is for

The VCAS/VU Talent Fund is particularly seeking promising VU PhDs who generated attention for Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in society at large, for example because they made their research accessible to a wider public or because of exceptional achievements in teaching. They have had a demonstrably positive impact on the reputation of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, and exemplify the university’s core values within society.

Conditions of award

Conditions for awarding the grant are as follows:

* The candidate is nominated by the Dean of the faculty
* The candidate has gained a doctoral degree from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
* The subsidy will be used as a bridging grant to obtain a multi-year academic appointment, or as supplementary funding in the case of renewed multi-year affiliation with VU Amsterdam
* The relevant faculty indicates that the appointment cannot be made without the grant
* The candidate has made a demonstrable effort to bring their research and/or teaching at VU Amsterdam into the spotlight in a positive manner, and can provide a five-year plan outlining how that will be furthered through research

1. **Nomination form**

Full nomination includes

1. Completed Nomination form
2. CV stating academic and socially relevant activities
3. Overview of important publications in the last 5 years
4. Employment contract or details regarding a future contract

Information about the candidate

* Title(s) Click here to enter text.
* First name Click here to enter text.
* Initials Click here to enter text.
* Surname Click here to enter text.

Motivation provided by the Dean (1 A4 maximum)

The Dean’s nomination should in any case include the following:

* The motivation, substantiated with reasons why the candidate should be awarded a grant from the VCAS/VU Talent Fund;
* Details showing that the candidate meets the conditions of award;
* The added value the candidate can bring to VU Amsterdam.

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Concise spending plan

The spending plan consists of the following:

1. An explanation of up to 500 words written by the candidate outlining his or her plans for research and socially relevant impact in the coming five years;
2. The amount of the support requested from the VCAS/VU Talent Fund (maximum €40,000, consisting of a subsidy from VCAS up to €20,000 for each winner and a matching subsidy from VU Amsterdam up to €20,000), plus the relevant faculty’s contribution which amounts to at least one third of the awarded subsidy;
3. The scope and duration of the appointment, the salary and start date.

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