

Promovendi Netwerk Nederland Scholarship PhD Survey

Why this survey?

A large part of the PhD candidates in the Netherlands are not directly employed by the university they are working at, but instead receive an (international) scholarship or grant funding. This group of PhD candidates often faces additional challenges besides conducting their research (e.g., lack of rights and benefits connected to employment, financial struggles, coping with cultural differences). With this survey we aim to get more detailed insights into the working conditions and well-being of these scholarship PhD candidates in the Netherlands.

Ultimately, we would like to use this information to advocate for improvements in the working conditions for PhD Scholarship candidates. We therefore kindly invite you to participate in this survey and provide us with as much information as you are comfortable sharing.

What do we ask of you during the survey?

We ask for some socio-demographic information (e.g., your age, gender) but we focus on questions related to immigration, working conditions, finances and other aspects related to a PhD trajectory in the Netherlands funded with a scholarship. Importantly, we do not collect any personal identifiers such as your name or email address. Participation is of course completely voluntary, and you are free to provide only answers to some of the questions. Only a few filter questions in the start of the questionnaire are mandatory to answer in order to continue to the full survey.

How will we treat your data?

Data will be stored on secure servers of our software providers at the Radboud University Nijmegen. After two years of storage, raw data will be permanently deleted. An encrypted dataset will be stored for 10 years. Since we do not collect personal identifiers, it is not possible to identify a single participant and remove your data after you completed the survey. Only PNN will have access to the collected data. We will not make any of the raw data publicly available.

We will use the data to write a report regarding the working conditions of scholarship PhD candidates in the Netherlands that will be shared publicly. In this report, no individual participant will be identifiable.

In case you would like more information about the survey or how we handle your data - or you would like to make a complaint - please contact info@hetpnn.nl.