

University of Groningen



1 full year and 4 one term positions

Location: Groningen, Netherlands

About the City: The historical city of Groningen was founded 800 years ago. Nowadays, with 179,400 inhabitants, it is the economic and cultural capital of the northern part of the Netherlands. Groningen is easily accessible by train from Amsterdam Schiphol airport, and it is only three hours by car from Hamburg. The city boasts a large university hospital, several theatres and museums, a great many art galleries and bookshops and an excellent choice of markets, shops and restaurants with food from all over the world, whilst still retaining a safe, community character.

About the University: The University in Groningen is one of the oldest research universities in Europe, boasting more than 100,000 graduates since its inception in 1614. Some 22,500 students are currently enrolled in more than 170 bachelor and master programs, including over 1,222 foreign students and over 650 PhD students.

Mailing Address: International Service Desk, University of Groningen, PO Box 72, 9700 AB Groningen, The Netherlands

Website: www.rug.nl/corporate/index?lang=en

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Course Information: Upon acceptance for exchange, students need to register for courses and exams by means of Progress WWW. This is a computer program you need to log on to at: <http://www.progresswww.nl/rug/defaultlug.asp?taal=eng>
As soon as you have your student number, you can sign up for courses and exams.

Please visit this web page for more information on Courses for Exchange Students <http://www.rug.nl/ocasys/rug> as well as this site that offers information on accommodation, costs, and courses for incoming exchange students, http://www.rug.nl/prospectivestudents/exchanges_shortprogrammes/exchangeGuide0910.pdf

Application	Semester One/Full Year	Semester Two
Submission Dates:	<i>July 1st 2010</i>	<i>December 1st 2010</i>

Travel and Residence Information

Accommodation: The Housing Office manages about 10 International Student Houses with around 700 beds in total. The International Student Houses are big buildings with shared facilities, such as kitchens, showers and toilets. There are single and shared rooms. Shared rooms are rooms with 2 single beds, shared by 2 students (always two male or two female). International Student Houses have all facilities for cooking (cooker, fridge, pots and pans), eating (dishes and cutlery), washing (washing machines and dryers) and cleaning (vacuum cleaner). Most of the houses have an internet connection.

In your room you will find a basic inventory, like a bed, mattress, duvet, pillow and bedding, a wardrobe, a desk, a chair and a desk lamp. Prices range from € 250 (approx. \$395 CAD) for a single or a double room in a Dutch Student house, up to € 420 (approx. \$665 CAD) for a large single room with shared facilities. This rent is per month and includes costs for water, heating, electricity, furnishing, municipal taxes and levies, our service and maintenance. Also included is your student manager, living at your International Student House.

Housing for the first semester can be tight so Queen's has agree to try and send the majority of students in the second term when there is more housing available.

For further information, please see International Student Housing Office (<http://www.housingoffice.nl/>).

Cost: As a result of fairly low inflation rates since the beginning of the 1990s, the Netherlands still enjoys one of the lowest costs-of-living in Europe. Here is an indication of the cost of some basic items on a student budget

- Housing: Euro 250-340 (approx. \$395-\$665 CAD) per month per (shared) room

- Food: Euro 180 (approx. \$285 CAD) per month
- Spending money: Euro 55 (approx. \$87 CAD) per month
- Insurance: Euro 35-55 (approx. \$55-\$87 CAD) per month
- Language courses: Euro 100-450 (approx. \$158-\$711 CAD) per course
- Security deposit: ± Two weeks rent
- Bicycle: Euro 45-110 (approx. \$71-\$173.80 CAD) for a solid second hand bike.

Please note: Current costs at the time of publication.

Passport: Required. For more information, see 'Canadian Passports' at www.ppt.gc.ca.

Visa: Not required for Canadian students. The following documents are required:

- Proof of adequate financial means or support at least € 615.71 (approx. \$835 CAD) per month for students in the Socrates program, € 740.38 (approx. \$1,006.00 CAD) per month for others, and € 600.60 (approx. \$815 CAD) per month for researchers/employees
- A letter of acceptance or letter of invitation from the University of Groningen stating the purpose and duration of the stay
- Some Embassies will require students to have documents such as a legalized birth certificate or certificate of marriage.

For further information see the web pages:

- <http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/preparation-stay/preparing-your-stay/visa-and-permits>

Residence Permits: All foreign guests planning to stay in the Netherlands for up to 3 months must register with the aliens' department of the local police (vreemdelingendienst) within 3 days of arrival. You are obliged to register with the local police even if you entered the country without a visa, and even if you are from another EU member state.

Guests staying longer than 3 months must apply for a residence permit (Vergunning tot Verblijf Regulier/VVR). A residence permit/VVR will usually be issued for the duration of one year and may be extended on a year-by-year basis if all conditions are complied with.

Health Insurance: Every visiting international student is responsible for his/her own medical insurance and third-party insurance. You may be able to continue with an insurance policy in your own country; check before your departure or buy from Insurance Passport for Students (www.ace-ips-nl.com). The International Service Desk has information about special insurance packages for 40 Euros per month.