

Postdoctoral Researcher in the Humanities

Employment

0.8 - 1.0 FTE

Gross monthly salary

€ 3,974 - € 5,439

Required background

PhD

Organizational unit

Faculty of Arts

Application deadline

01 August 2022

The online application form for this position can be found on the following website: <https://www.ru.nl/werken-bij/vacatures>.

The Faculty of Arts at Radboud University is looking for five postdoctoral researchers. As a postdoctoral researcher, you will be a member of the Centre for Language Studies (CLS) or of the Radboud Institute for Culture & History (RICH). In addition, you will be a member of one of the three departments of the Faculty of Arts: History, Art History and Antiquity (GKO), Modern Languages and Cultures (MTC), or Language and Communication (LandC).

As a postdoctoral researcher, you will conduct research in one of the following three fields: (i) human AI, including digital humanities, (ii) cultural heritage and societal change, including historical studies, or (iii) language and culture, including linguistics (the three themes of the Dutch Sector Plan for the Humanities). A combination of these fields is of course also possible. Within these fields, there is a preference for research on language variation; AI and language and communication; functional low literacy; digital humanities; environmental humanities; and/or non-western approaches to language and culture (the six 'growth areas' of our two research institutes). To give you an idea of what we have in mind, here follow some examples of possible postdoctoral projects (but of course you can also submit your own suggestions). For postdocs to be affiliated with CLS: you might be

interested in developing and testing applications (e.g. games) to improve language learning for both foreign language learners and low literates, or, based on empirical data (collected in experiments or from corpora), study synchronic language variation, or investigate how linguistic and cultural knowledge can improve applications. For postdocs to be affiliated with RICH: you might consider historical or cultural studies addressing cultural heritage in relation to societal or environmental change, possibly using digital humanities approaches and/or methodologies. Or you might want to inquire into the digitalisation of culture in relation to the cultural sector (e.g. the use of digitalisation by cultural institutions) or study digital cultures surrounding indigenous cultures (e.g. representations on social media and for tourist purposes). We also welcome proposals in the field of language and gender, diversity and inclusion.

Your research will be embedded in CLS or RICH. You will participate in their research groups and contribute to the institutes in general. You will set up research collaborations on these topics with the present staff of these research institutes. You will publish about your research in highly qualified journals, conference proceedings, or edited volumes. You will be expected to teach a limited number of courses in our Bachelor's and/or Master's degree programmes (approx. 20% of your appointment).

We have in total five positions available.

Profile

- You hold a PhD in a relevant field or will have obtained one by 1 November 2022.
- You have demonstrable expertise in digital humanities, cultural heritage, and/or language and culture studies.
- You have a track record of international high-profile scholarly publications.
- You have the ambition to play an active role within CLS or RICH.
- You are willing to teach a few BA or MA courses.
- You have the ability to attract external research funding.
- You have administrative and organisational skills.

- You hold a Cambridge Certificate (CPE2 level) in English or equivalent, or you are committed to obtaining this certificate within six months.
- You are willing to live in the Netherlands during the contract.

We are

The [Faculty of Arts](#) is committed to knowledge production with a significant scientific and social impact. With over 500 academic and support staff, we teach and conduct research in the fields of history and art, languages and cultures, and linguistics and communication, using innovative methodologies and working in close collaboration between the disciplines. Our research is embedded in two research institutes: the [Centre for Language Studies](#) (CLS) and the [Radboud Institute for Culture & History](#) (RICH). We currently have approximately 2,500 students, enrolled in three departments: the Department of History, Art History and Classics, the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures, and the Department of Language and Communication. We aim to contribute to a more sustainable and inclusive world, which is why we especially seek applications from candidates who bring diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and skills that will be assets to our study programmes and research profiles.

Radboud University

We want to get the best out of science, others and ourselves. Why? Because this is what the world around us desperately needs. Leading research and education make an indispensable contribution to a healthy, free world with equal opportunities for all. This is what unites the more than 24,000 students and 5,600 employees at Radboud University. And this requires even more talent, collaboration and lifelong learning. You have a part to play!

We offer

- It concerns an employment for 0.8 - 1.0 FTE.
- The gross monthly salary amounts to a minimum of €3,974 and a maximum of €5,439 based on a 38-hour working week, depending on previous education and number of years of relevant work experience ([salary scale 11](#)).

- You will receive 8% holiday allowance and 8.3% end-of-year bonus.
- It concerns a temporary position for 2 years.
- You will be able to use our [Dual Career and Family Care Services](#). Our Dual Career and Family Care Officer can assist you with family-related support, help your partner or spouse prepare for the local labour market, provide customized support in their search for employment and help your family settle in Nijmegen.
- Working for us means getting extra days off. In case of full-time employment, you can choose [between 29 or 41](#) days of annual leave instead of the legally allotted 20.

Additional employment conditions

Work and science require good employment practices. This is reflected in Radboud University's primary and secondary [employment conditions](#). You can make arrangements for the best possible work-life balance with flexible working hours, various leave arrangements and working from home. You are also able to compose part of your employment conditions yourself, for example, exchange income for extra leave days and receive a reimbursement for your sports subscription. And of course, we offer a good pension plan. You are given plenty of room and responsibility to develop your talents and realise your ambitions. Therefore, we provide various training and development schemes.

Would you like more information?

For questions about the position, please contact André Lardinois, Vice Dean Research at andre.lardinois@ru.nl.

Practical information and applying

You can apply until 1 August 2022, exclusively using the button below. Kindly address your application to André Lardinois. Please fill in the application form and attach the following documents:

- A letter of motivation including a research proposal (approx. 500 words) relevant to the themes described above.

- Your CV (including a list of publications and a description of your teaching experience).
- The names and contact details of two references.

The first round of interviews will take place on Tuesday 16 August. The second round of interviews, if necessary, will take place on Tuesday 23 August. You would preferably begin employment on 1 September, at the latest on 1 November 2022.

We can imagine you're curious about our [application procedure](#). It offers a rough outline of what you can expect during the application process, how we handle your personal data and how we deal with internal and external candidates.