

Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM)

Application to Environmental Studies PhD Programme 2024/2025*

INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out the form, please read all information carefully.

Please type or print all information. Tick the appropriate answer.

- Be sure to fill out the entire application form.
- Return the form(s) to the PhD Programme Office by email (with attached Word document and clear scans of certified documents) – and keep the originals!
- Include (scans of) *certified* copies of your academic diplomas and grade lists in English, Dutch, German, or French. Applications without (scans of) certified copies will not be considered by the admissions board. Certification can be done by a notary, your university or your municipality. Alternatively, we accept transcripts sent directly by your university.
- Include a scan/copy of your passport.
- For non-native speakers, a copy of a TOEFL (Test Of English as a Foreign Language see www.toefl.org) score of at least 570 points (in a paper-based test) or at least 230 (in a computer-based test), an IELTS score of at least 6.5 (www.ielts.org) - or equivalent proof of your English proficiency – is a minimum requirement. Dutch students do not require a language test certificate.
- Include your Curriculum Vitae (2 pages maximum). Please include the following data: Title and Name; Year, date and place of birth; Present position: function, tasks, employer; Education: Degrees held, awarding institution, relevant knowledge and skills, including language, computer and typing skills; Publications; Relevant seminars and courses.
- The selection procedure may include an interview (either personal or by telephone).

* PhD studies are tailor-made and may start all year round, but acquiring grants, visas and housing will cost **you** a lot of time. So please apply **early**:

- Students with a Master's degree (Drs, Mr or Ir) obtained from a Dutch University *at least 6 months* in advance of your desired starting date**;
- Students with a Master's degree obtained from a University in Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden or the United Kingdom *at least 6 months* in advance of your desired starting date**;
- All other students (in particular students with a Master's degree obtained from universities in non-EU countries) *at least 9 months* in advance of your desired starting date.

** PhD studies may commence *any* month of the year.

Please return the completed application form to the PhD
Programme Office **by email** (and keep the originals):

Environmental Studies PhD Programme Office
attn. Dr Ad van Dommelen
Email: ad.van.dommelen@vu.nl
Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM)
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

The application forms should be complemented with [✓]:

- certified* copies/scans of your diplomas;
- certified* copies/scans of your grade lists;
- letter of recommendation by the supervisor of your Master's thesis;
- copy/scan of your passport;
- your 2 page curriculum vitae;
- a copy/scan of your TOEFL/IELTS score (if applicable).

(if included, please tick off)

1. PERSONAL DATA

Family name: _____ First name: _____
Male / Female: _____
Home address: _____
Place: _____ Postal code: _____
Country: _____
Telephone number (home): _____
Telephone number (mobile): _____
Email address: _____
Place and country of birth: _____
Date of birth (Day-Month-Year): _____
Nationality: _____
Passport number: _____ Valid until (DD-MM-YY): _____
Native language: _____
Other languages (please indicate level of competence): _____

2. EDUCATION AND SKILLS

University studies from (month / year): _____ to (month / year): _____
Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained : _____
Name of degree: _____
Full name of awarding University: _____
City: _____ Country: _____
Name of the faculty and major field of study: _____
Specialisation (if any): _____
Final grade (please include the scale, e.g. 7.4 [1-10] or B+ [F-A]): [-]
Date of graduation: _____
Did you attend a course in environmental sciences of at least two weeks?
No / Yes (please specify): _____
Did you attend courses given in English?
No / Yes (please specify): _____

English language

Have you taken a TOEFL, IELTS or equivalent English Language Exam?
No / Yes (please specify): _____

Certifying body: _____ Score: _____
Date and location: _____

If yes, please enclose a copy of the result or ask TOEFL to send the result directly to us. The TOEFL Institution Code for our Faculty is 7947.

3. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please specify your present work (if any):

Employer:

Job title and duties:

Starting date of this position:

4. MOTIVATION

Please briefly state your motivation, learning objectives and career goals to participate in the Environmental Studies PhD Programme (maximum 200 words).

5. SUMMARY OF YOUR ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Please indicate your competence in the following academic fields [✓]:

Sciences	Major	Minor	Subjects	Details
Biological		
Behavioural		
Chemical		
Computer		
Earth		
Economic		
Engineering		
Historical		
Legal		
Linguistic		
Mathematical		
Medical		
Physical		
Social		
Other:

6. SUMMARY OF YOUR MASTER'S THESIS

Please summarise the research and outcomes of your Master's thesis in English (maximum 200 words):

7. AREA OF YOUR PROPOSED DOCTORAL RESEARCH

Please indicate the area in which you propose to do your doctoral research:

[✓]

Supervisors

Environmental research fields

Prof. Aerts	water, risk and insurance
Prof. Pattberg	political science, international relations, governance
Prof. Botzen	climate change, decision making under risk, insurance
Prof. Hofkes	environmental economics, climate change, (CGE)
Prof. Verburg	modelling, spatial analysis, land-use, ecosystem services
Prof. van Beukering	environmental economics, natural capital, nature-based solutions
Prof. Coumou	extreme weather and atmosphere dynamics, complex systems
Prof. Ward	flood and drought risk; impacts of climate change and variability
Prof. Tol	econometrics, climate change policy
Prof. van den Hurk	Deltares
Prof. den Elzen	international climate policy, integrated assessment modelling
Dr Koetse	environmental economics, incentives, valuation
Dr van Loon	drought risk
Dr Schaafsma	valuation, ecosystem services
Dr Schulp	lifestyle and ecosystem services
Dr van Vliet	urban development and urban spatial analysis
Dr Widerberg	global governance, international relations, politics, network analysis

(other)

Note: please check <http://www.vu.nl/ivm> for more details

8. SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSED DOCTORAL RESEARCH

Please give a short description in English of the doctoral research you propose to do (maximum 400 words):

Proposed title (obligatory):

Summary (including aim and approach):

9. INFORMATION SOURCE

In order to assess our promotional and communicative efforts, could you please inform us how you learned of the possibility to apply for the Environmental Studies PhD Programme at IVM?

10. FINANCE (please indicate as appropriate [✓])

Private financial resources?	Full	Partial	None
Scholarship or grant?	Granted	Not granted	
Please give details:			

Does the above cover all expenses?	Yes	No
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If not, please describe which expenses are not covered and how you plan to meet the shortfall:

If not all expenses can be covered and request for non-private financial support is not successful or insufficient what will be the consequences for your application at the Vrije Universiteit? Cover cost from private resources Withdraw application

Further details (if any):

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

Have you applied for admission to another university in The Netherlands or abroad?
No Yes. If yes, to which university and for which field of study?

Have you been admitted and registered as a PhD student at another university in the Netherlands or abroad?
No Yes. If yes, to which university and for which field of study?

Do you need co-operation in finding accommodation? No Yes

Other relevant information (for example, name/address of a contact person in the Netherlands):

12. SIGNATURE

Read, together with the Information on the Environmental Studies PhD Programme, and completed truthfully:

Place:

Date:

Signature: