

Tuition fee and costs to conduct PhD research

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There are five types of costs to conduct PhD research in the faculty of Social Sciences:

- I Costs for membership Graduate School
- II Costs for training organized or facilitated by VU-GSSS¹
- III Costs for supervision by departmental staff, organized by the department
- IV Costs for VU services², organized by the department
- V Research related costs

Whether costs are charged depends, among other things, on the type of contract under which the PhD research is conducted. There are five VSNU types in the GSSS; for some there is a further distinction within a type. The overview is provided on the next page. Costs related to research depend on the design of the project and are not charged by a fixed amount.³

¹ Includes training organized by other Vrije Universiteit Graduate Schools and by the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR).

² E.g. VUnet-id; email; access to library and scientific work available on Internet; access to computer software with reduced price; office space Vrije Universiteit, including use of a computer.

³ For an overview of types of costs see <https://vu.nl/en/about-vu/more-about/the-graduate-school-of-social-sciences> > Starting your PhD Trajectory > Budget Plan Template. (Partial) coverage of research costs may come from various sources: the main grant, subsidy or bench fee of your research project; the department; the Graduate Fund (<https://vu.nl/en/about-vu/more-about/the-graduate-school-of-social-sciences> > Activity Funding); a specific grant or subsidy from an external party; your employer; your own means; after graduation Vrije Universiteit pays € 500 as royalty for your dissertation.

Fees for the year 2022 (costs per year; the amount may change)

Type and label	I Membership	II Training ₅	III ⁴ Supervision ⁶	IV VU services ⁷
1a PhD contract	€ 0	€ 0	€ 0	NA ⁸
1b Other VU-contract to conduct PhD research	€ 0	€ 0	€ 0	NA
2b Scholarship based on VU-contract ⁹	€ 0	€ 0	€ 0	€ 0
Other scholarship	€ 100	€ 1000	€ 8200	€ 1300
3 Supported by a commercial organization	€ 100	€ 1000	€ 8200	€ 1300
Supported by a non-commercial organization	€ 100	€ 1000	€ 6150	€ 1300
4 Self-financed with VU-contract for other than PhD research	€ 100	€ 1000	€ 0	NA
Self-financed, other	€ 100	€ 1000	€ 0	€ 1300
– External PhD candidate ¹⁰	NA	€ 1000	NA	NA
Visiting PhD candidate in VU project ¹¹	NA	TBD	TBD	TBD

For costs of supervision and access to VU services, a (partial) fee waiver might be granted. A waiver ends when the project completion is over time. The Director of the GSSS and the Head of Department decide on the category that applies to the PhD candidate. The GSSS organizes the invoice.

⁴ This fee pertains to a full-time project of four years. In case of part-time dissertation work the fee is accordingly divided over the years.

⁵ Fixed amount of € 150 per EC with a maximum of € 1000 yearly. Not more than € 3000 in total during the PhD project.

⁶ The Head of Department may offer a waiver for costs of supervision.

⁷ The Head of Department may offer a waiver for using VU services. It is not always necessary to purchase VU services.

⁸ Not applicable: Included in the contract as employee of Vrije Universiteit. The head of department decides on continuation of access to VU services after the end of the employment contract.

⁹ E.g. NWO, CSC.

¹⁰ Does not graduate at Vrije Universiteit.

¹¹ A specific arrangement is made.