



NISIS MEMBERSHIP: REGULATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

REGULATIONS

NISIS junior membership

1. PhD candidates and research master students doing research on Islam and Muslim societies may apply for NISIS membership, provided they satisfy the criteria as set out in article 2 and 3 of these regulations.
2. PhD candidates should be formally assigned a PhD project at a Dutch university. 'Aio's', 'oio's' or scholarship students ('bursaal') qualify as such. Officially recognised external candidates qualify as well, provided that the supervisor sends a written statement confirming that this external PhD candidate has the expertise to participate in the NISIS Training Programme and is affiliated to a Dutch university. Research master students should be enrolled in a Research master programme at a Dutch University. Their master thesis should be related to Islam and Muslim societies.
3. NISIS PhD candidates and research master students should make an education plan, approved by their supervisor. In this plan the courses of the NISIS training programme that will be attended will be indicated. This plan should be sent to the programme coordinator of NISIS before attending the first course. Changes in this plan will be notified to the programme coordinator as soon as they occur.
4. NISIS junior members qualify automatically for NISIS activities, however, in case of a limited number of participants, they have to apply for admission.
5. NISIS will see to it that NISIS junior members will be able to complete their submitted education plans as much as institutionally is possible.
6. PhD candidates funded by NISIS should participate in the training activities agreed on in his/her research, education and supervision plan.
7. Funded PhD candidates and research master students of NISIS and other LOGOS registered research schools may participate in the NISIS Training Programme without extra payment; travel and other logistic expenses not included.

NISIS senior membership

8. NISIS senior membership is available for researchers with a position at a Dutch university, who hold a doctorate and who conduct research on Islam and Muslim societies. NISIS senior membership is also open to independent scholars holding a doctorate, who can provide proof of being scholarly active in the field. Candidate members can apply for membership by sending a request to the programme coordinator. The NISIS examination committee decides on admission.

INSTITUTIONS

The Examination and Education Committee

The Examination and Education Committee of the NISIS Training Programme consists of the NISIS board. It is the committee's task to supervise the NISIS Training Programme: the committee decides on admission of NISIS junior and senior members; whether PhD candidates qualify for the NISIS research certificate and which activities should be included in the NISIS Training Programme. The NISIS board, in its capacity of Education Committee, confers at least once a year with the representatives of the Junior Research Council on the training programme.

The Junior Research Council

Every junior NISIS member is member of the Junior Research Council. The Junior Research Council selects at least two PhD candidates or research master students, who advise the NISIS board in its capacity of Education Committee. The Council discusses all matters relevant for junior NISIS members. The Council meets yearly, preferably during one of the activities of the NISIS Training Programme. The representatives chair the Junior Research Council. The Junior Research Council advises the NISIS board on issues concerning the NISIS Training Programme. The Junior Research Council representatives are currently Melle Lyklema, Dorieke Molenaar, Jamilah Sailan and Fitria Sari Yunianti.

Programme coordinator

The programme coordinator and interim director of NISIS Dr Petra de Bruijn (p.de.bruijn@hum.leidenuniv.nl), is responsible for the NISIS Training Programme on behalf of NISIS. PhD candidates and research master students can contact Petra de Bruijn on matters related to their NISIS Training Programme.

Confidential advisor

The NISIS confidential advisor, Professor Herman Beck (h.l.beck@uvt.nl), confidentially advises PhD candidates or research master students who encounter problems related to the NISIS Training Programme or NISIS scholarships that cannot be solved otherwise. It should be noted that the NISIS confidential advisor cannot mediate in problems related to individual research projects. In case of problems that affect individual research projects the first person to talk to is your supervisor(s). If they cannot help, or if you wish to speak to someone externally, you should contact the academic director of the department of your affiliation or the confidential advisor of your graduate school.