



NISIS MEMBERSHIP: REGULATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

REGULATIONS

NISIS junior membership

1. PhD candidates and research master students active in the field of Islamic studies may apply for NISIS membership, provided they satisfy the criteria as set out in article 2, 3 and 4 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.
3. NISIS PhD candidates and research master students should submit a research, education and supervision plan to the programme coordinator of NISIS. This plan should, at least, comprise of: personal data of the PhD candidate/research master student, supervisor(s), title and content of the research, agreements on supervision and review, training to be followed and a detailed plan of action for each year. This plan should be drawn up in cooperation with the supervisor(s) and submitted for approval to the NISIS examination committee.
4. NISIS PhD candidates and research master students should participate in the training activities agreed on in his research, education and supervision plan.
5. NISIS PhD candidates and research master students should submit a yearly progress report to the programme coordinator. This report should contain at least: (1) research progress (2) a report on training (3) a report on teaching (4) publications and lectures. Besides, the report should supply a detailed and commented plan of action for the next year. This progress report should be submitted for approval to the NISIS examination committee.
6. In case the PhD candidate or research master student does not show sufficient progress the NISIS examination committee will get in contact with him/her and his/her supervisors in order to find a solution.
7. In case there is no improvement and/or there are structural problems barring the PhD candidate or research master student from delivery satisfactory results, the NISIS board may decide to remove the PhD candidate from NISIS and inform the involved faculty.
8. PhD candidates and research master students of other LOGOS registered research schools may participate in the NISIS Training Programme without extra payment.

NISIS senior membership

9. NISIS senior membership is available for researchers, who hold a doctorate and are active in the field of Islamic studies. Candidate members can apply for membership by sending a request to the programme coordinator. The NISIS examination committee decides on admission.

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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 two 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 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, preferable 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 representative currently is Mr Arjan Post (A.A.J.Post@uu.nl) and Istiqomah (i.istiqomah@rug.nl).

Programme coordinator

The programme coordinator, Dr Petra de Bruijn (p.de.bruijn@hum.leidenuniv.nl), and the director of NISIS, Professor Léon Buskens (l.p.h.m.buskens@hum.leidenuniv.nl) are 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, Dr Petra de Bruijn (p.de.bruijn@hum.leidenuniv.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 contact person 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.