



The Department of Economics of the institute Tax Law and Economics of Leiden Law School is looking for:

**PhD Candidate Economics (1.0 fte)**

**Vacancy number [5963](#)**

**Description of the research programs**

The PhD candidate will work in the research program "[Self-reliance and social insurance over the lifecycle](#)". In this research program we investigate the response of individuals and families to the increased flexibility on the labor market, and reductions in the coverage of public social insurance schemes (such as unemployment insurance, disability insurance, social assistance and pension schemes). Frequently, our research findings are used in the public debate and by policy makers. The research program has received funding from Instituut Gak for the period 2017-2023. During this period, a team of PhD candidates and senior researchers conduct empirical analyses around this theme.

**In this position you will**

- Conduct innovative empirical research;
- Write a PhD thesis based on papers;
- Submit the papers of the thesis for publication in academic journals;
- Teach in the program of the Department of Economics.

**You will be offered**

- A customized individual training program;
- The opportunity to participate in seminars, workshops and international conferences;
- The opportunity to do research in a collaborative team environment.

**Selection Criteria**

- A Master's degree in economics, econometrics, social sciences, or a field with a strong quantitative component;
- Experience in using statistical software (e.g. Stata, R);
- Interest in doing research in economics;
- Excellent skills in quantitative research methods and in writing;
- Teaching experience is not a requirement, but is considered an advantage;
- An excellent command of the English language is required. Knowledge of the Dutch language is considered an advantage.

**Our Faculty**

The Department of Economics is part of [Leiden Law School](#) (ranked #1 in the Netherlands for the subject of law and #24 in the 2016 QS World University Rankings by Subject). The Faculty focuses on multi-faceted high-level teaching and research, both nationally and internationally. It does so by working with talented people from various disciplines, and stimulating and supporting them in their professional and personal ambitions. The Faculty is housed in the beautifully restored Kamerlingh Onnes Building on the Steenschuur in Leiden, an inspiring scientific environment.



### **Our Department**

The activities of the [Department of Economics](#) are concentrated on socio-economic policy, empirical microeconomics, law and economics and the economics of taxation. The department provides Economics courses for a number of study programs, such as law, public administration, liberal arts and political science. Moreover, the department participates in a dual bachelor's program (Economics, Governance and Management) and a dual master's program (Economics and Governance), both hosted in The Hague.

### **Terms and conditions**

- We offer a full-time position for 1.0 fte (38 hours per week).
- The starting date of the appointment is negotiable (but not later than September 1, 2019).
- The appointment as a PhD student will be for a period of four years (initially for a period of one year with an extension of three years after positive evaluation of progress and skills development) leading to the successful completion of a PhD thesis. The appointment will be under the terms of the cao (Collective Labour Agreement) of Dutch Universities.
- Salary range from € 2.266,- to € 2.897,- gross per month on a fulltime basis (pay scale P), in accordance with the Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities).
- Leiden University offers an attractive benefits package with additional holiday (8%) and end-of-year bonuses (8.3%), training and career development and sabbatical leave. Our individual choices model gives you some freedom to assemble your own set of terms and conditions. Candidates from outside the Netherlands may be eligible for a substantial tax break. More information at the [website](#).

### **Diversity**

Leiden University is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from members of underrepresented groups.

### **Information**

- The PhD candidate will be employed at the Department of Economics.. Information about the Department of Economics can be found [here](#).
- Enquiries can be made to prof. dr. Marike Knoef ([M.G.Knoef@law.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:M.G.Knoef@law.leidenuniv.nl)) and Dr. Max van Lent ([M.van.Lent@law.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:M.van.Lent@law.leidenuniv.nl)).

### **Applications**

Please submit online your application **no later than February 10, 2019** via the blue button of our application system.

To apply for this vacancy, please ensure that you upload the following additional documents quoting the vacancy number:

- A cover letter stating your motivation for this position;
- A curriculum vitae;
- List of university grades

*Enquiries from agencies are not appreciated*