

VSNU PhD categories

VSNU category 1: PhD candidates with employee status

Employees who have an employment contract and an agreement with the university or university medical centre that they will take a PhD.

Indicators:

- Agreement that the candidate will take a PhD (e.g. admission granted to a Graduate School, training and supervision plan drawn up, supervisor appointed etc.).
- Employee number and salary from university or university medical centre.

VSNU category 3: Self-funded PhD candidates

Individuals who do not have an employment contract with the university where they are taking the PhD, but whose main objective is to take a PhD.

- Agreement that the candidate will take a PhD (e.g. admission granted to a Graduate School, training and supervision plan drawn up, supervisor appointed etc.).
- No salary from university or university medical centre.
- Granted funding and/or time to work on PhD:
 - Scholarship awarded by 'own' university or university medical centre;
 - Scholarship awarded by another organisation (foreign university, foreign government, foundation etc.);
 - No scholarship but granted funding and/or time by employee (e.g. FOM, candidates who have permission to work on their PhD 'in the boss's time').