



NINO Visiting Fellowship

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NINO welcomes scholars from around the world (incl. the Netherlands) to carry out their research at NINO. Visiting Fellows typically use their own funding or external fellowships to finance their stay. They are expected to take part in NINO's academic life and make a visible contribution to NINO's activities and/or publications. Visiting Fellows either

- reside in the Netherlands during their Fellowship, or,
- if residing abroad, visit NINO in Leiden regularly, and maintain a visible connection with NINO while participating in academic life in their place of residence.

NINO Visiting Fellowships are awarded for a period of max. 12 months. Upon request, the Fellowship may be renewed for a further term.

Facilities

Visiting Fellows enjoy access to the following facilities during their term:

- use of library resources at MEL/NINO, as well as at other Leiden University Library locations,
- use of Leiden University's ICT services (free Wi-Fi; printing/scanning at one's own expense),
- use of seminar and conference space as needed,
- optional: use of office space or flexible work space upon request and based on availability,

- invitations to NINO's activities (such as lectures, symposia, etc.) through NINO's mailings,
- opportunities to present research findings through lectures or printed publications, when possible and/or suitable.

Visiting Fellows' official affiliation with NINO and Leiden University is reflected during their term through

- a personal profile page on the NINO website,
- a generic profile page on Leiden University's website,
- a Leiden University email address.

NINO will upon request provide a written statement confirming the Visiting Fellowship and its terms.

If the Visiting Fellow requires a visa to visit or reside in the Netherlands during their term, the visa application forms part of the administrative appointment procedure.

Not covered by NINO

NINO does not offer financial assistance or compensation to Visiting Fellows.

Fellows are responsible for their own travel, housing and health care provisions. Information about housing can be obtained from the Leiden University International Office.



Deadlines for application

<i>Deadline for application*</i>	15 February	15 May	15 August	15 November
Approximate award date**	April	July	October	January
Fellowship starts in	May, June, July, or August	August, September, October, or November	November, December, January, or February	February, March, April, or May

* *Applications submitted until this date are reviewed in the next Academic Committee meeting.*

** *Date when the Academic Committee's decision is communicated to applicants.*

Applications are considered four times per year by the NINO Academic Committee.

The start date of a Visiting Fellowship should be within 12 months following award.

Conditions and regulations

Successful applicants hold a PhD or equivalent degree at the time of their application and boast a publication track record commensurate to their career stage.

The proposed research project falls within NINO's areas of interest. In the application, the candidate should make clear how their research project makes a contribution to Egyptology (including Coptology), Assyriology (including Hittitology), and/or Near Eastern archaeology.

Candidates are ready to disseminate progress and results of their research project among the research community at NINO – or another research institute in the Netherlands – e.g. by teaching a masterclass at a Dutch university or institute, giving a public lecture, and/or contributing to (one of) NINO's print publications as an author or editor; this should be outlined in the application.

Prospective fellows are advised to make contact with researchers affiliated to NINO; applications that propose collaborations during and beyond their term will be at an advantage.

Successful applicants are asked to provide a few written contributions to NINO's online presence and publications (see below); they may expect to be asked to act as an assessor or reviewer in NINO's subsidy and/or publication programmes.

Expected contributions

During their term, Visiting Fellows are asked to make the following contributions:

At start of term:

- (1) **short bio and profile picture**, for a profile page on the NINO website;
- (2) **short personal introduction**, as a contribution to the NINO newsletter;

During term:

- tag NINO's accounts when posting on social media on relevant activities or topics;
- notify NINO of own activities (e.g. lecture, appearance of a publication) that are suitable for sharing on social media;
- display the NINO logo to indicate affiliation where appropriate, e.g. on a conference poster or in a Powerpoint presentation (approved versions are available for download at www.nino-leiden.nl/funding/nino-logo-for-use-by-grantees).

During or at end of term:

- (3) **funding report** = illustrated contribution to the NINO newsletter on their research topic or activities.



Guidelines for (1) NINO profile page text

- Max. ca. 500 words;
- Write about yourself in the third person;
- Include links to relevant internal or external webpages;
- Mention your main research interest and other significant affiliations in the first line(s) of your bio – fictitious example: “Jan Jansen is an Egyptologist specialising in the New Kingdom. He is a member of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences (KNAW) and holds a guest position at Cairo University” (with links to KNAW and CU);
- Proposed headings after short bio:
 - Main research interests
 - Education/Previous activities/...
 - Current project(s) – including links to the websites and/or social media accounts of any relevant projects or research groups you are involved in
 - Selected recent publications (ca. 5-10 items), as a bulleted list – optional: link to longer list of your publications on an external webpage, mention editorship of series or journals (with links)
 - Other (profile) pages: Academia, ORCID, your profile page at another academic institution, your personal website/blog/social media account(s) where you post on research

Amend proposed sections in accordance with your career stage and personal circumstances.

- Email address: default option is your @hum.leidenuniv.nl address, second best option is another institutional email address, non-preferred option is your private email address.

Guidelines for (2) short introduction in the NINO newsletter

- Ca. 200–300 words, written in the first person, in Dutch or English;
- One image – can be the profile pic used on the NINO website, but a photo of the person in action is preferred;
- Refer to previous newsletters for examples.

Guidelines for (3) contribution to the NINO newsletter

See “Guidelines for funding reports” on www.nino-leiden.nl/funding/nino-logo-for-use-by-grantees.

Renewal of a Visiting Fellowship

Towards the end date of their term, active Visiting Fellows may request an extension of their term if their project is ongoing. To request renewal of your Fellowship term, please contact us (at the latest) six weeks before the agreed end date, mentioned in our confirmation.

Email a brief renewal application to the NINO Funding email address:

- include a **funding report** (separate document; an overview of activities and results in the current term, in the form of a contribution to the NINO newsletter);
- mention **completed or ongoing contribution to NINO's** publications, funding program, outreach, and/or online presence;
- briefly outline your **proposed research and activities** for the renewed term (not for publication in our newsletter);
- outline a **new contribution to NINO** for the renewal of your Fellowship.

Include the application number NINO has assigned to your original Visiting Fellowship proposal (mentioned in our confirmation).

Renewed NINO Visiting Fellowship terms are governed by the same conditions and regulations as first-time Visiting Fellowships.



Please note

By submitting your application to NINO,

- you vouch for the veracity of the information you provide;
- you agree to NINO's conditions for application, and NINO's regulations for Visiting Fellows;
- you agree that, if your application is successful, your name may be included in communications by NINO about its grant scheme and grantees;
- you agree that, if successful, NINO may publish your report and connected picture(s) in its newsletter, social media, blogpost or similar.

Your email address(es) may be added to the NINO mailing list. If you don't wish to receive NINO news mailings, you can unsubscribe using the link at the bottom of each email.

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