Embassy Science Fellows (ESF-NL)

Informative Webinar – April 17, 2024
ESF-NL webinar programme

- Welcome by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Brief introduction of the 9 assignments
- Introduction from NWO on terms and conditions
- Dr. Peter Ejbye-Ernst – Embassy Science Fellow 2023
- General questions in a plenary setting
- Break-outs to ask specific questions to embassies and consulates

*The plenary session will remain online for questions to NWO and ESA*
Embassy Science Fellows: win-win-win

• The ESF program not only allows scientists to **gain experience in the diplomatic world**, and a better understanding of how their field works in other circumstances, but also provides them with an opportunity to **conduct research abroad** and gain **broad visibility** for their work.

• The program offers embassies and consulates **access to scientific and technological expertise** from Dutch universities or other knowledge institutions. The work of the fellows will contribute to cooperation with foreign governments, universities and other organisations.

• Scientists will use their scientific expertise and their international scientific network to **support local priorities of diplomatic missions**.
The 9 fellowships (1)

- **Bangladesh, Dhaka (Embassy)**  Bangladesh and the Netherlands: Transitioning towards an equal beneficial partnership
- **China, Beijing / Guangzhou (Embassy / Consulate)**  Sustainable chemistry: shared societal challenges in the field of energy transition and circular economy
- **Colombia, Bogota (Embassy)**  Colombia and the Netherlands: Exchange of knowledge on bioprocesses for medicine research, development and innovation
- **France, Paris (Embassy)**  Public support for Future Proof Energy Systems
- **Ghana, Accra (Embassy)**  Navigating Ghana’s political economy: how does the quality of governance impact on the investment climate and how can that be influenced by a country like the Netherlands?
The 9 fellowships (2)

- **India, New Delhi (Embassy)** The India Energy Nexus: focus areas for the Netherlands-India partnership on renewable energy
- **Morocco, Rabat (Embassy)** Morocco: a future supplier of green hydrogen energy to Europe/the Netherlands?
- **Singapore, Singapore (Embassy)** Artificial Intelligence: collaborate with Singapore on AI for the Public Good and ASEAN
- **Vietnam, Hanoi (Embassy)** Energy transition in Vietnam: what can we expect and what role could Dutch Business play?
Conditions and eligibility (1)

• Who can apply?
Open to all employees with a PhD degree at Dutch knowledge institutions and ‘lectoren’ and senior researchers from universities of applied sciences with an employment contract that runs at least up to and including the period of the fellowship.
(see call for proposals, chapter 3.1)

• What to apply for?
Maximum of € 25,000,-. Fellows receive an allowance for travel and accommodation costs, research costs and a replacement subsidy. The replacement subsidy does not replace the fellow's salary. Fellows continue to receive their regular salary from their own institution.
Conditions & eligibility (2)

• How to apply?

The application has the form of a motivation letter:

• Motivation letter (max. 2x A4); including a provisional working plan detailing your goals, objectives and action steps

• Narrative CV (max. 500 words) + references to five relevant key outputs (max 1x A4) (e.g., articles, blogs, vlogs, websites, etc.)

• Budget; description of expected costs in Excel format

Save your application (motivation letter + CV) as a PDF and submit it with the required attachment (Excel budget) in ISAAC; https://www.isaac.nwo.nl/
Application deadline & assessment

• **When to apply?**

The application deadline is **May 14, 2024, before 14:00 CEST.**

• **Assessment**

Assessment of criteria 1, 2 and 3 (see below) by the ESF-NL bureau. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the embassies and consulates involved provide advice on the assessment of criteria 2 and 3. A funding recommendation is submitted to the NWO Executive Board, which takes the award or rejection decision.

*Criteria:*

1) **Quality and motivation of the applicant (40%)**
2) **Match between the applicant and the project per the Annex of the call (40%)**
3) **Feasibility (20%)**
Dr. Peter Ejbye-Ernst

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• Webpage:
  Embassy Science Fellows 2024 | NWO (Dutch version)
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  - Call for proposals + Excel format
  - Webinar slides
  - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)