

# Innovating Higher Education in the Netherlands

Information for grant applicants



## **The Comenius programme boosts the quality of higher education and stimulates the appreciation of inspired teaching in the Netherlands.**

**About the Comenius Programme** The Comenius grants enable teaching staff in the Netherlands to put their ideas about how to innovate education into practice. The Dutch government aims to contribute to more widely varied careers for teaching staff and researchers in universities and universities of applied sciences by openly recognising excellent and inspired teaching.

**The ComeniusNetwork** All teaching professionals who receive a Comenius grant will join the prestigious Comenius-Network focusing on sharing knowledge about innovation in education. This allows higher education as a whole to benefit from the innovations realised with the support of the Comenius programme.



### **Three types of Comenius grants**

There are three types of Comenius grants for teaching staff depending on the stage of their career: Teaching Fellow, Senior Fellow and Leadership Fellow. These grants allow teaching staff to continue to develop themselves as excellent educational professionals. As they develop, their potential impact is extended further.

## Comenius Programme Grants

### Comenius Teaching Fellows

**Duration** max. 18 months

**Impact** course level

**Grant** € 50.000



**Profile** As *Teaching Fellow* you are at the beginning of your career with at least two years of teaching experience in higher education. You are highly committed to your students. This grant allows you to innovate education in your courses on a project basis, to gain new insights and to develop yourself as a recognised educational innovator in your field.

### Comenius Senior Fellows

**Duration** max. 30 months

**Impact** degree programme level / department level

**Grant** € 100.000



**Profile** As *Senior Fellow* you have at least five years of teaching experience in higher education. You have a solid understanding of how education is provided by your department. You have a clear vision about innovating the educational programme. This grant allows you to carry out this vision with a team of colleagues and students. You will be able to develop yourself as a recognised educational innovator within your institution, either at managerial level or at course content level.

### Comenius Leadership Fellows

**Duration** max. 42 months

**Impact** education institutional level

**Grant** € 500.000



**Profile** As *Leadership Fellow* with at least seven years of teaching experience you have educational leadership skills and a track record of contributing to the educational climate of your higher education institution. This grant allows you to give the educational ambitions of your institution a boost and to inspire other education professionals. You will be able to develop yourself as an educational leader in the Netherlands or even on an international level.



*“The results of my project are now being used to innovate other courses within the University of Applied Sciences.”*

Simone Boogaarts,  
Comenius teaching fellow

### More information

Any questions about the Comenius programme? We would like to hear from you!

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For more information about the ComeniusNetwork (only available in Dutch):

Website: <https://www.comeniusnetwerk.nl>

The Comenius Programme is a joint initiative of the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and the NRO.

*“Thanks to the Comenius Fellowship I have been able to strengthen my position as innovator in education, which has contributed to my academic career.”*

Anique de Bruin,  
Comenius teaching fellow



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