

# Innovating Higher Education in the Netherlands

Information for policymakers



**Giving a boost to *excellent quality higher education* and to the *appreciation of inspired teaching* in the Netherlands – that is what the **Comenius programme** is all about.**

**About the Comenius Programme** The aim of the Comenius Programme is to help teaching staff put their ideas to innovate education into practice. The Dutch Ministry of Education aims to contribute to more widely varied careers for teaching staff and researchers at universities and universities of applied sciences by demonstrably appreciating excellent and inspired teaching.

**The ComeniusNetwork** All recipients of the Comenius grant are part of the ComeniusNetwork. The main aim of this network is to share and exchange knowledge about educational innovation. Thanks to this network, the entire Higher Education sector will be able to benefit from innovations achieved with the support of the Comenius Programme.



### **The Comenius Grants**

The criteria for applying for the Teaching, Senior and Leadership Comenius Grants are based on the Framework by Ruth Graham (see figure on the next page). These grants allow teaching staff to develop themselves and reach the next level in the Framework. As the teachers progress to higher levels, they can realise more impact on higher education as a whole.

# Comenius Programme Grants

## Comenius Teaching Fellows

**Required** At least 2 years of teaching experience  
**Duration** Max. 18 months  
**Impact** course level  
**Grant** €50,000

## Comenius Senior Fellows

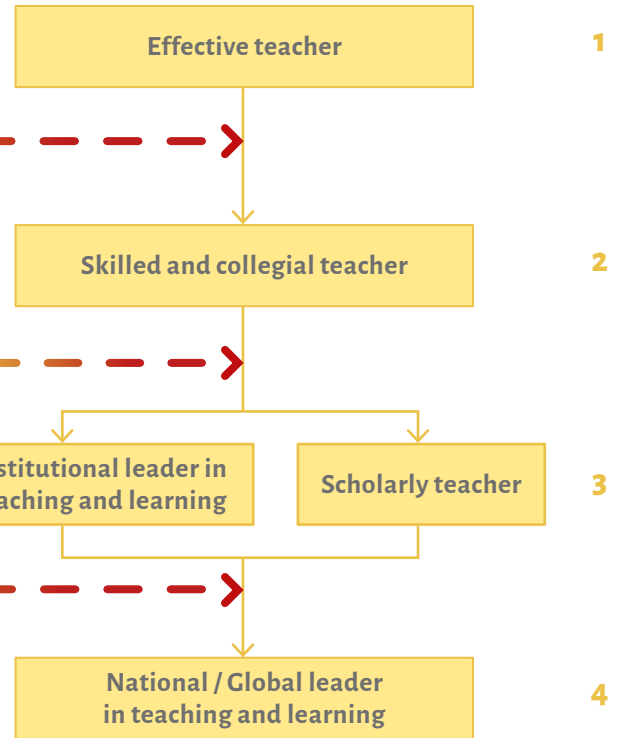
**Required** At least 5 years of teaching experience  
**Duration** Max. 30 months  
**Impact** degree programme level / department level  
**Grant** €100,000

## Comenius Leadership Fellows

**Required** At least 7 years of teaching experience  
**Duration** Max. 42 months  
**Impact** institutional level  
**Grant** €500,000

# Teaching Careers Framework

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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