

Overview of purposes of stay (for scientific researchers and guest lecturers)

When coming to the Netherlands as a scientific researcher it is likely that you will fit one of the 4 “purposes of stay” mentioned in the overview below. Please bear in mind that although this overview gives you a general idea of the possible exemptions, it is not the complete picture. Your HR officer should be able to give you an advice that is tailored to your specific situation. In most cases this officer will apply for the (provisional) residence permit for you, and won't it be possible to arrange this yourself.

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Highly skilled migrant	Long stay only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employment contract compulsory. ▪ Minimum salary requirement may apply. 	Not required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Max. 5 years ▪ Extension possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fast immigration procedures available at any time. ▪ Free to work in the Netherlands without work permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 weeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employer must be registered with IND. 	
Scientific researcher under EC directive 2005/71	Long stay only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guest agreement compulsory. ▪ Formal employment contract not required. 	Not required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Max. 5 years ▪ Extension possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fast immigration procedures available at any time. ▪ Free to work in the Netherlands without work permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 weeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requirements academic background apply. ▪ Research must be your main task. ▪ Employer/ host institution must be registered with IND. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Possibility to obtain an EC residence permit for long-term residents. ▪ Flexible rules with regard to mobility within the EU apply.

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'Unpaid scientific researcher'	Any duration possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You are a scholarship recipient (not all scholarships are eligible, check with a HR-officer) ▪ Formal employment contract not required. 	Not required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 year at first. Extension for duration of scholarship. ▪ Max. 5 years ▪ Extension after 5 years not possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fast immigration procedures only available if you and your family members apply for a provisional residence permit simultaneously. ▪ A work permit might be needed. 	▪ 2 to 4 weeks		
Guest lecturer	Any duration possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formal employment contract not required. 	Not required if < 1 year stay.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 year at first. After that extension for duration of work permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fast immigration procedures only available if you and your family members apply for a provisional residence permit simultaneously. ▪ A work permit might be needed. 	▪ 2 to 4 weeks		