

Tulip Fund 2025

Dutch Research Council (NWO)

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Choosing Europe – How to attract global minds to Europe and EU member states?
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Tulip Fund – basic outline

- *Timeline:* continuous call from late August 2025 – March 2026
- *Applications:* Nominations by research organisations
 - 1-2 per research organisation, 54 in total
 - Evaluation on own merit; no competition at NWO level
- *Budget:* 50M€
 - 25M€ Dutch govt. + 25M€ NWO
 - 500k- 1M€ per nomination
- *Target group:* “Top researchers/talents” with (recently terminated) appointments outside EU, EEA or Switzerland



Political rationale of Tulip Fund

- Reflection of national and European commitment to academic freedom
- Boost and reinforce the Dutch position in international scientific research
- Alignment with strategic national and European research agendas (> assessment criterium)

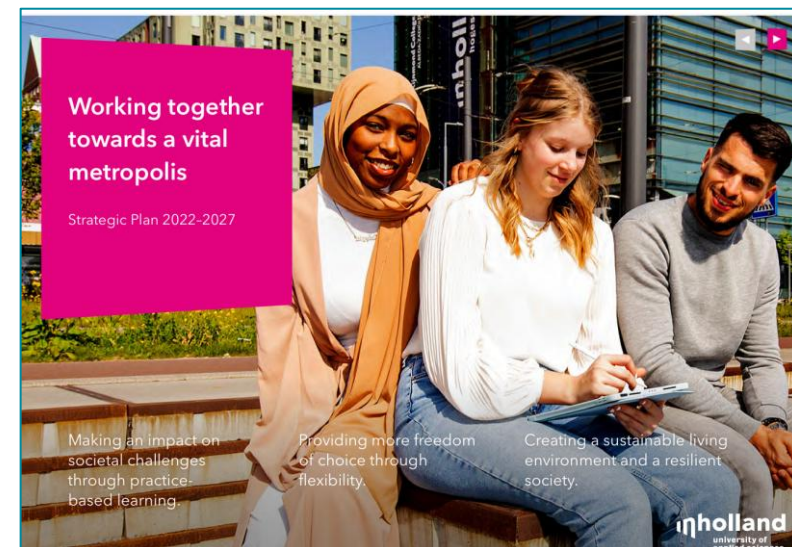
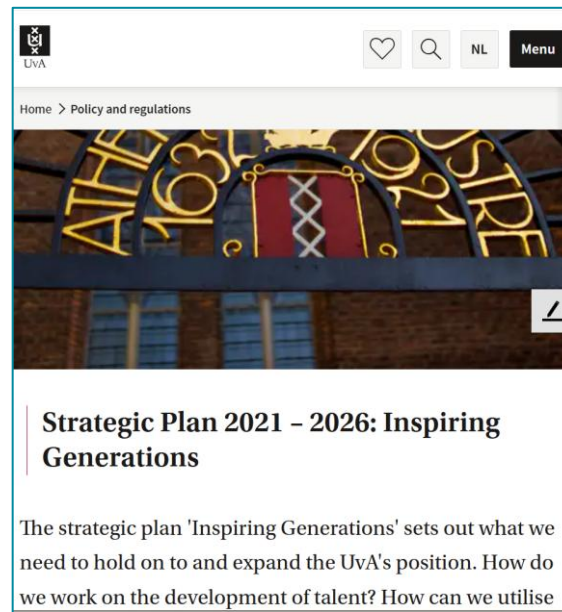
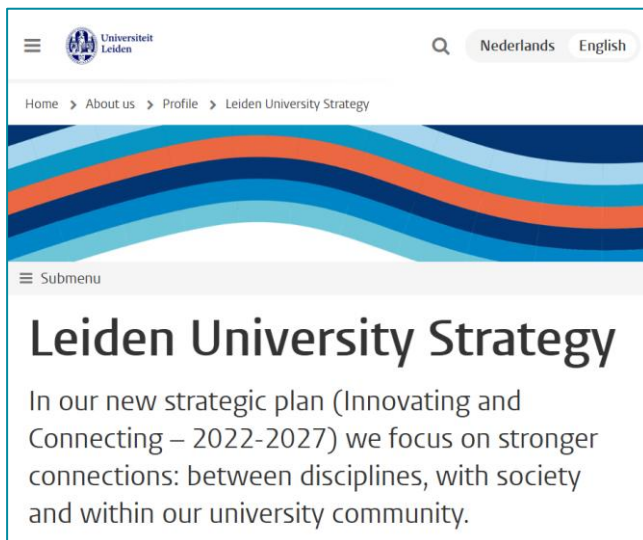
Complementing “Choose Europe for Science”

- Comparatively **few** positions, but a comparatively **substantial** funding package per researcher
- **Restricted** to non-EU based researchers, but **no restriction** on disciplines
- **Not embedded** in current Dutch flagship grant programmes; a **separate, new opportunity**
- Limited suitability for (very) **early career** researchers; **senior** researchers are main target group

Attracting talent

Key: research institutions can attract competitive talent with the best fit for their organisation and strategic agendas, for example regarding:

- Selection of nominee
- Prioritisation of scientific fields
 - Allocation of budget
- Type/length of appointment



Thank you!

