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# Tenure Track position in Human Nutrition, Ageing, Cognition and Mood

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**Location** Wageningen  
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## We are looking for

Do you want to contribute to our mission "To improve human health through better nutrition"? We are expanding our activities at Wageningen University & Research (WUR) in the Netherlands and as part of this development we invite applications for a tenure-track position in the field of Human Nutrition, Ageing, Cognition and Mood. This position is part of a program to fulfill five (!) tenure-track positions at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor in the Division of Human Nutrition and Health. We invite you to become a new colleague and join our highly motivated team of researchers.

## We ask

The candidate is expected to establish a research line in the area of human nutrition, mood and cognition, with ample attention to ageing and (or) ageing-related disorders of the central nervous system later in life. Increasing scientific evidence suggests that lifestyle factors including nutrition play important roles in the ageing process of the brain. We are especially interested in candidates with a background in neuroscience, neurobiology or experimental psychology skilled in human intervention studies and preferably with expertise in the field of nutrition or other lifestyle factors. This position will be placed in the chair group Nutritional Biology. More information can be found [here](#).

The Division of Human Nutrition and Health is one of the largest academic units worldwide dedicated to the study of nutrition. By integrating the complementary expertise of five chair groups, the Division is perfectly organized to pursue a multidisciplinary approach in nutrition research at the level of the cell, the individual, and the population. One of the unique features of this division is the ability to cover the full causal chain from determinants of food choice and dietary assessment, to detailed quantification and characterization of health and disease using state-of-the-art methodology, and investigation of the underlying molecular mechanisms.

## We offer

### Research infrastructure

We offer an excellent research infrastructure, an attractive salary, and a stimulating working environment. This shared research infrastructure consists of a recently built and fully equipped molecular research laboratory and the Health Research Unit, both supported by a highly qualified staff. The Health Research Unit is a modern research facility for performing human nutritional trials in a highly controlled setting. Because of the shared nature of our research infrastructure, you do not need to invest in setting up own research laboratories. As a researcher this offers you a head start and focus on your research.

### Tenure Track

We initially offer a fixed-term, 7 year contract which upon positive evaluation will lead to a permanent employment contract. The candidate is expected to enroll into the Tenure Track program of Wageningen University. Tenure Track is a career path for ambitious scientists dedicated to teaching and research. The career path consists of a number of successive career steps from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor to possibly Full Professor. Upon enrollment into the Tenure Track system, all candidates are also expected to substantially contribute to teaching and mentoring BSc and MSc students within the degree program in Nutrition and Health, as well as possibly other programs. For your personal development we offer you the 'Development program Tenure Track'. This program supports you in further development of your competences. We also offers you the possibility to gain the Basic Teaching Qualification (BKO) which is a requirement in the Tenure Track policy.

We are proud that our University has been chosen as the "Best University" in the Netherlands for the 15th consecutive time! For additional information please visit our website [here](#).

We offer a competitive salary. The salary scale depends on your experience and seniority level. We offer a full working week of 38 hours in accordance with the Collective Labor Agreement Dutch Universities, part-time for 0.8 fte is also possible.

In addition, we offer:

- 8% holiday allowance;
- a structural year-end bonus of 8.3%;
- excellent training opportunities and secondary employment conditions;
- flexible working hours and holidays can possibly be settled in consultation so that an optimal balance between work and private life is possible;
- excellent pension plan through ABP;
- 232 vacation hours, the option to purchase extra and supplementary leave schemes;
- a flexible working time: the possibility to work a maximum of 2 hours per week extra and thereby to build up extra leave;
- a choice model to put together part of your employment conditions yourself;
- use the sports facilities on campus at a small fee.

We stimulate internal career opportunities and mobility with an internal recruitment policy.

We offer a versatile job in an international environment in a pleasant and open working atmosphere.

### Equal opportunities employer

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons regardless of their race, sex, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation or age. We believe that a diverse and inclusive workplace makes us a more relevant, more high-reaching, and more resilient organization.

### More information

For more information about this position, please contact Prof. dr. Renger Witkamp, co-chair Division of Human Nutrition and Health, telephone +31 317485136.

For questions about the procedure, please contact Linda Broenink, HR Advisor by telephone +31 317 484 342.

The full description of the Dutch vacancies can be found on the [Dutch vacancy page](#).

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The mission of Wageningen University & Research is "To explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life". Within WUR, nine specialised research institutes from the Wageningen Research Foundation and Wageningen University have joined forces to help answer the most important questions in the domain of healthy food and living environment. With approximately 30 locations, 6,000 employees, and 12,000 students, Wageningen University & Research is one of the leading organisations in its domain worldwide. An integrated approach to problems and the cooperation between various disciplines are at the heart of the unique approach of Wageningen.

For further information about working at Wageningen University & Research, take a look at the [special career site](#).

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