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Discover the next step of your career by participating in one of the winter schools offered at the University of Groningen, renowned for its research excellence. Broaden your knowledge, develop relevant skills for your professional development, make new connections and get inspired for your research during a week-long winter school programme.

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Winter Schools

For MA, PhD students, Postdocs and professionals

Commensality and Cultural Heritage in the Middle East and Its Diasporas

“Commensality”, the act of coming together at the same table, literally and metaphorically, as a way to understand how sharing food shapes respect for difference and social connection. Drawing on the growing field of commensality studies in public health and cultural heritage, participants of this winter school will examine food and foodways among diverse communities in the Middle East and its diasporas through an interdisciplinary lens.

Where and when?



26 - 30 January 2026



Groningen, Netherlands

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For students, academics and practitioners

Anthropocene: an Introduction to Landscape Analysis and Spatial Statistics

Through both outdoor and indoor activities on the island of Schiermonnikoog, participants will learn how to apply spatial and landscape analyses to study the complex interplay between human and natural phenomena. They will learn how to use spatial statistics to quantify and identify spatial patterns, and gain a better understanding of landscape composition analysis.

Where and when?



2 – 6 March 2026



Schiermonnikoog, the Netherlands

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For those with a BA in a related field or equivalent experience

Sustainable and Renewable Energy

Organized by the ARUA-GUILD CORE-RE and the University of Groningen, this winter school offers participants direct access to leading researchers, advanced methodologies, and real-world applications in sustainable energy. The program emphasizes hands-on learning and interdisciplinary dialogue, and the development of practical skills essential for advancing renewable energy solutions across diverse contexts.

Where and when?



7 - 8 December 2025



Accra, Ghana (Hybrid)

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For University lecturers with teaching experience

Equipping ourselves and each other

Participants will learn to improve their course design(s) towards more inclusive teaching practices and have the opportunity to expand their network of inclusive practitioners. Focus will be brought to an inclusive and international dimension in the practices of participants, the diversity in backgrounds of students as a potential resource for teaching and intended learning, and principles that help us to unravel challenges and turn them into opportunities.

Where and when?



26 - 30 January 2026



Stellenbosch, South Africa

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For professionals in the field of intercultural competence

Intercultural Competence

This winter school is the perfect fit for you if you are curious and wish to develop your ability to foster intercultural sensitivity in others. The programme offers a comprehensive overview of intercultural training design with an emphasis on using developmental approaches to enhance cultural learning and decrease learner resistance, covering everything from communication and thinking styles to intercultural training methods and resources.

Where and when?



26 - 30 January 2026



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