

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences is seeking to fill a 4 year **full-time (100%)** vacancy in the Department of Primary and interdisciplinary care for a predoctoral researcher in the area of

scaling up integrated chronic care

There are gaps in access to and quality of care for cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, especially for vulnerable populations. Countries try to scale up chronic care and look for the best and most cost-effective ways to do so. SCUBY is a 4-year European research project in three countries: Belgium, Slovenia and Cambodia. The research objectives are: 1) to analyse the capacity to scale-up integrated care in each context; 2) to develop strategies for a national scale-up; and 3) to evaluate the impact.

The department of Sociology (Prof. Wouters) and the department of Primary & Interdisciplinary Care (ELIZA) (Professor Remmen, <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/research-groups/eliza/>) will lead the research in the Belgium site. This project builds upon a collaboration these two partners and the Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp (Josefien van Olmen), the National Institute of Public Health (Cambodia), the Community Health Centre Ljubljana (Slovenia) and the University Medical Center Utrecht (the Netherlands).

Job description

- You will do research in the Belgium field sites. This includes: 1) development of research protocol. 2) data collection and analyses of research data; and 3) close collaboration with stakeholders in the preparation of the implementation.
- You will collaborate with other partners in the consortium and attend the international consortium meetings and related events.
- You prepare a doctoral thesis in the field of integrated chronic care and scale-up.
- You publish scientific articles related to the research project of the assignment.
- You contribute to teaching and research in Primary and interdisciplinary care.

Profile and requirements

- You hold a master degree in primary care medicine, public health, or a related relevant discipline.
- You have affinity with chronic disease management in primary health care settings and with interdisciplinary collaboration.
- You have knowledge of the Belgian health system.
- You are able to liaise with stakeholders at different levels easily, such as patients, health care providers, and policy makers.
- You are a team player, quality-oriented, conscientious and creative.
- You are familiar with qualitative and quantitative research methods or you are willing to invest in developing these competences.
- You speak and write fluently in Dutch and English, and you have some understanding of French.
- You are willing to travel within Belgium and to the other research countries.
- Students in the final year of their degree can also apply.
- Your academic qualities comply with the requirements stipulated in the university's policy.

We offer

- A doctoral scholarship for a period of two years, with the possibility of renewal for a further two-year period after positive evaluation.
- The start date of scholarship will January 1st 2019.
- a gross monthly grant ranging from € 2.324,20 tot € 2.469,08.
- A dynamic and stimulating work environment.

Interested?

- Applications may only be [submitted online](http://solliciteren.ua.ac.be/Default.aspx?vid=439964&fac=2&empl=100&type=bap&lang=en) (<http://solliciteren.ua.ac.be/Default.aspx?vid=439964&fac=2&empl=100&type=bap&lang=en>) until the closing date **1 December 2018** and should include a copy of your CV and a cover letter.
- A pre-selection will be made from amongst the submitted applications.
- The remainder of the selection procedure is specific to the position and will be determined by the selection panel.
- The interviews of the candidates, preselected by a selection panel, will take place from **3-14 December 2018**.
- More information about the [application](#) form can be obtained from vacatures@uantwerpen.be. (<https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/jobs/vacancies/ap/2018bapfggwef311/>) For questions about the profile and the description of duties, please contact **Dr. Josefien van Olmen** (Josefien.vanolmen@uantwerpen.be, , **+32(0)475892225**).

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