

## Netherlands Fellowship Programmes Requirements of the Employer's statement

One of the criteria you must meet to apply for an NFP fellowship is that you are nominated by your employer. Your employer must pledge to continue paying you salary and guarantee that you will be able to return to an equivalent position after the termination of the fellowship period. Therefore, you must upload (online fellowship applications) or attach (paper fellowship applications) a letter from your employer (employer's statement) to your fellowship application.

The employer's statement must:

- Mention the date the letter was written
- Mention your name and the name of the course / study programme / research plan for which your employer is nominating you
- be written on your employing organisation's official letterhead
- bear an official stamp and signature of your superior
- answer the following questions:
  - Why is your employing organisation nominating you?
  - How will your organisation benefit from the result of this research?
  - What plans have been made for putting your newly acquired knowledge and skills to use within your organisation?
- Include the following promises:
  - That your salary will continue to be paid during the period for which the fellowship is awarded
  - That at the end of the fellowship period you will be offered a position at least equivalent to the one you are currently holding
  - That if you are awarded an NFP fellowship, your employing organisation will comply with all the formal obligations this entails

Fellowship applications with employer's statements that do not meet the abovementioned requirements are considered not eligible and will not be assessed for an NFP fellowship.