University of Groningen
Spatial Sciences

4 assistant professors
1 lecturer
University of Groningen

The University of Groningen has a rich academic tradition dating back to 1614. From this tradition arose the first female student and the first female lecturer in the Netherlands, the first Dutch astronaut and the first president of the European Central Bank. Geographically, the University is rooted in the Northern part of the Netherlands, a region very close to its heart.

The University provides high quality education and research in a broad range of disciplines. We distinguish ourselves in the international market through a close link between education and research and by focusing on three key elements: Energy, Healthy Ageing and Sustainable Society. Not only are our education and research programmes socially relevant, but our researchers also collaborate with business partners, public institutions and the government. In addition, the University of Groningen stimulates current debate on scientific, social and cultural issues by providing convincing perspectives and fresh ideas, based on the latest scientific findings. Education and research at our university are internationally oriented. Students from all over the world prepare themselves in Groningen for their international career paths. We have a strong international reputation and maintain a firm position in the international rankings lists. Collaborations between researchers on the frontiers of knowledge take place within extensive networks, affirming our strong, world-wide reputation.
Faculty of Spatial Sciences

The Faculty of Spatial Sciences is a growing faculty with an open character, that has short lines between staff and students. We focus on geography, demography and spatial planning. Our vision is of a society which is spatially transformed in ways that allow for high levels of wellbeing and innovation. Our mission as a faculty is to undertake and disseminate, via research and teaching, world-leading and highly distinctive research which helps to realize this vision.

Our researchers are driven to understand the relationship between places and people. Via research and teaching the faculty aims to make places better together and to enhance people’s wellbeing. The motto of the faculty reflects this: ‘Making Places Better Together’. Our role is to generate and disseminate knowledge, via research and teaching, that contributes to this aim.

Our research domain is the world and our urban laboratory often the Netherlands. The Netherlands is a dense urban delta, and thus an interesting object to study. Studying the complexity of the relationship between people and places in various and diverse settings, locally, regionally and internationally dramatically increases the relevance of our research and teaching. This is also reflected in our staff, which is internationally diverse.

With two bachelor and seven master programmes, all of which are English taught, we educate our future place-makers to make neighbourhoods, cities, regions and countries better. As the only independent Faculty of Spatial Sciences in the Netherlands, our focus is entirely spatial.
Research: towards Wellbeing, Innovation and Spatial Transformation (tWIST)

The Faculty’s research institute is called ‘Urban and Regional Studies Institute’ and our research programme is comprised of three intertwined threads: wellbeing, innovation and spatial transformation. Societies and individuals strive to improve their wellbeing (quality of life, happiness, etc.) and these desired outcomes are influenced by innovation – i.e. a continuous process of improvement that transforms society and space. Wider societal changes, including increasing human mobility and globalisation, affect the geographical distribution of wellbeing and innovation. The consequences of these transformations impact differentially on rural and urban areas, and influence issues such as ageing, health, governance, technology, planning systems, entrepreneurship, cultural activity, investment, and the housing market – in short, the specific topics we study.

We seek to produce research that is communicated and communicable to the global academy and to our societal stakeholders. The distinctive character of our research is that we explore the roles place, space, identity and culture play in the social and spatial transformation of society from a multi-methods perspective.

The Faculty of Spatial Sciences has a track record of research excellence in many of its fields. This is reflected in the large numbers of externally funded research projects, from national and European sources, research awards from ERC and national programmes. It underlines the interwovenness of the Faculty’s researchers with national and international networks. Our faculty harbours a kaleidoscope of disciplines and research strengths, all taken up in its acclaimed encompassing research program towards Wellbeing, Innovation and Spatial Transformation.
Teaching

The Faculty offers two Bachelor programmes and a wide range of Master programmes, all of which are taught in English. With her focus on the fields of geography, urban and regional planning and demography, the Faculty is the only comprehensive spatial sciences faculty in the Netherlands. All programmes score among the best in the various league tables and some are at the top.

Our educational programmes have an international orientation and strive to connect global relevance to local circumstances. We teach students to study local or regional issues, to abstract from the specific to the general and to apply such knowledge in a variety of settings over the world. We strive to let our students grow into independent thinkers, able to understand and act thoughtfully and sensibly when confronted with differences in places, culture and background.

**Bachelor programmes:**
- Human Geography and Planning
- Spatial Planning and Design

**Master programmes:**
- Environmental and Infrastructure Planning
- Socio-Spatial Planning
- Economic Geography
- Real Estate Studies
- Cultural Geography
- Population Studies
- Research Master Spatial Sciences
4 assistant professors

› 2 Assistant Professors Sustainable Transformation & Regional Planning
› Assistant Professor Physical Geography
› Assistant Professor in Spatial Data Analysis

1 lecturer

› Lecturer in Human Geography and Planning
2 Assistant Professors Sustainable Transformation & Regional Planning

(0.8–1.0 fte each)

Department of Planning and Environment, Faculty of Spatial Sciences of the University of Groningen

The Faculty of Spatial Sciences of the University of Groningen is looking for 2 Assistant Professors in the field of Sustainable Transformation and Regional Planning. The Faculty of Spatial Sciences consists of approximately 100 members of staff, 100 PhD students and around 1000 undergraduate students. We focus on high quality teaching and research in the fields of social and economic geography, demography, and spatial planning. With a single collective research theme of 'towards Wellbeing, Innovation and Spatial Transformation' (tWIST), it is our mission to produce research which is world-leading, distinctive, and policy-relevant. With two Bachelor and eight Master programmes, we provide a wide range of courses within the fields of geography and spatial sciences.

The Department of Planning and Environment contributes to the Bachelor programmes of Spatial Planning & Design and Human Geography & Planning, and the Master programmes of Environment & Infrastructure Planning (EIP) and Socio-Spatial Planning (SSP). The Department’s research is centred around institutional design for purposeful interventions within the human environment. We continuously renew our research and educational programmes, for example by incorporating innovative digital developments. Our Centre for Advanced Studies in Urban Science and Design (CASUS) develops state of the art knowledge and digital skills, integrated in research and education.
**Description of the position**

As Assistant Professor, you will contribute to teaching, research and management tasks. Your main teaching tasks will be in courses of the Bachelor Programme of Spatial Planning & Design, and the Master Programmes of Environmental & Infrastructure Planning, and of Socio-Spatial Planning, as well as in supervising Master and/or Bachelor theses.

To strengthen our team, we are looking for assistant professors with an interest in sustainable transformation and regional planning. We are especially interested in:

1. The nexus of water–energy–circular economy–infrastructure on the regional scale from an integrative governance and/or technical-environmental perspective

and

2. The socio-spatial consequences of sustainable transformation and ‘deep’ adaptation (for liveability, communities, human values, and well-being).

The urgency for a transformation to sustainability calls for an understanding of the spatial consequences of these challenges, and a ‘transformative adaptation’ approach in spatial planning. Especially the regional scale provides a spatial planning lens to analyse the multi-scalar issues and the interplay between physical interventions and societal consequences. Effective adaptations to environmental and social vulnerabilities will need to be more inherently ‘place-based’ and well-informed about the institutional and environmental-technical issues at hand.

You will invest 60% of your time in teaching and management and 40% in research (including PhD supervision).

**Expectations of the assistant professor**

› Has a PhD in in the wider field of spatial planning, geography, environmental engineering, civil engineering, public administration, or another social science discipline with proven affinity with regional spatial policies and planning.

› Has publications in international peer-reviewed academic journals.

› Will develop a research agenda consistent with the Faculty’s research focus and will supervise PhD students.

› Is in the possession of a University Teaching Qualification or is prepared to acquire this qualification within a reasonable timeframe.

› Has experience in teaching; awareness of and willingness to use the latest innovations in teaching techniques.

› Is willing to participate in appropriate Faculty committees and/or other management tasks.

› Is supportive to the team.

› Is fluent in English and has knowledge of or is willing to learn Dutch (to at least CEFR B2 level – for reading and listening).
2 Assistant Professors Sustainable Transformation & Regional Planning

Conditions of employment

› You will be appointed for a period of 2 years, with the prospect of a permanent position after a positive evaluation.

› The University of Groningen offers a salary, depending on qualifications and work experience, with a minimum of € 3,637 (salary scale 11 Dutch Universities) to a maximum of € 5,656 (scale 12) gross per month for a full-time position.

› On top of that income, you will receive an 8% holiday allowance and an annual bonus of 8.3%.

The conditions are in accordance with the Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities (CAO NU). For more detailed information about working conditions and working for the University of Groningen, please check: www.rug.nl/about-us/work-with-us/

Starting date
July 1, 2019 or earlier

Application
You may apply for this position until Sunday, February 10, 23:59h Dutch local time by means of the application form (click on “Apply” below on the advertisement on the university website).

Applications should include:
1. Letter of application;
2. A curriculum vitae including publications or other research output clearly showing your expertise in relevant areas, experience in teaching and management;
3. The names of two referees.

Only complete applications submitted by the deadline will be taken into consideration.

The selection interviews will take place on 21 February or 27 February 2019.

The University of Groningen is an equal-opportunity employer that values diversity. It has adopted an active policy to increase the number of female scientists across all disciplines of the university. Therefore, female candidates are especially encouraged to apply.

Our selection procedure follows the guidelines of the Recruitment code and the European Code of Conduct for recruitment of researchers from the European Commission.

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For more information on the Faculty of Spatial Sciences: www.rug.nl/fss

For more information on CASUS: https://www.rug.nl/research/ursi/casus/
Department of Cultural Geography, Faculty of Spatial Sciences of the University of Groningen

The Faculty of Spatial Sciences at the University of Groningen is looking for an Assistant Professor in Physical Geography. The Faculty of Spatial Sciences consists of approximately 100 members of staff, 100 PhD students and around 1000 undergraduate students. We focus on high quality teaching and research in the fields of social and economic geography, demography, and spatial planning. With a single collective research theme of ‘towards Wellbeing, Innovation and Spatial Transformation’ (tWIST), it is our mission to produce research which is world-leading, distinctive, and policy-relevant. With two Bachelor and eight Master programmes, we provide a wide range of courses within the fields of geography and spatial sciences.

The Department of Cultural Geography contributes to the Bachelor programmes of Human Geography & Planning and Spatial Planning & Design, and the Master programme of Cultural Geography and its track Tourism Geography & Planning. The Department’s research is centred around issues of place, identity and wellbeing. In particular, we explore the relations between people and place, and the social experience of transformations in rural and regional communities around the globe. We continuously renew our research and educational programmes, for example by incorporating innovative digital developments.
**Description of the position**
As Assistant Professor, you will contribute to teaching, research and management tasks. Your main teaching tasks will be in Bachelor and Master courses related to physical geography and in supervising Master and/or Bachelor theses. To strengthen our team, we are looking for an interdisciplinary physical geographer who can make connections between physical geography and cultural landscapes, environmental management, land use planning, sense of place, and related topics. As Assistant Professor you will invest 60% your time in teaching and management and 40% in research (including PhD supervision).

**Expectations of the assistant professor**
- Has a PhD in physical geography or related fields.
- Has an interest in, and in-depth knowledge about physical geography and the connections between the physical and social dimensions of the environment.
- Has publications in international peer-reviewed academic journals.
- Will develop a research agenda consistent with the Faculty’s research focus and will supervise PhD students.
- Is in the possession of a University Teaching Qualification or is prepared to acquire this qualification within a reasonable timeframe.
- Willing to participate in appropriate Faculty committees and/or other management tasks.
- Is fluent in English and has knowledge of or is willing to learn Dutch (to at least CEFR B2 level – for reading and listening).

**Conditions of employment**
- You will be appointed for a period of 2 years, with the prospect of a permanent position after a positive evaluation.
- The University of Groningen offers a salary, depending on qualifications and work experience, with a minimum of € 3,637 (salary scale 11 Dutch Universities) to a maximum of € 5,656 (scale 12) gross per month for a full-time position.
- On top of that income, you will receive an 8% holiday allowance and an annual bonus of 8.3%.

The conditions are in accordance with the Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities (CAO NU). For more detailed information about working conditions and working for the University of Groningen, please check: [https://www.rug.nl/about-us/work-with-us/](https://www.rug.nl/about-us/work-with-us/)

**Starting date**
Starting date: July 1, 2019 or earlier.
Assistant Professor Physical Geography

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2. A curriculum vitae including publications or other research output clearly showing your expertise in relevant areas, experience in teaching and management
3. The names of two referees

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The selection interviews will take place on 14 March, 2019.

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Assistant Professor in Spatial Data Analysis

(0.8–1.0 fte)

Department of Cultural Geography, Faculty of Spatial Sciences of the University of Groningen

The Faculty of Spatial Sciences at the University of Groningen is looking for an Assistant Professor in spatial data analysis/GIS. The Faculty of Spatial Sciences consists of approximately 100 members of staff, 100 PhD students and around 1000 undergraduate students. We focus on high quality teaching and research in the fields of social and economic geography, demography, and spatial planning. With a single collective research theme of ‘towards Wellbeing, Innovation and Spatial Transformation’ (tWIST), it is our mission to produce research which is world-leading, distinctive, and policy-relevant. With two Bachelor and eight Master programmes, we provide a wide range of courses within the fields of geography and spatial sciences.

The Department of Cultural Geography contributes to the Bachelor programmes of Human Geography & Planning and Spatial Planning & Design, and the Master programmes of Cultural Geography and Tourism Geography & Planning. The Department’s research is centred around issues of place, identity and wellbeing. In particular, we explore the relations between people and place, and the social experience of transformations in rural and regional communities around the globe. We continuously renew our research and educational programmes, for example by incorporating innovative digital developments. Our Centre for Advanced Studies in Urban Science and Design (CASUS) develops state of the art knowledge and digital skills, integrated in research and education.
Description of the position

As Assistant Professor, you will contribute to teaching, research and management tasks. Your main teaching tasks will be in Bachelor and Master courses related to GIS and spatial data analysis and in supervising Master and/or Bachelor theses. To strengthen our team, we are looking for a colleague whose research focus fits the faculty research theme ‘towards Wellbeing, Innovation and Spatial Transformation’ (tWIST).

As Assistant Professor you will invest 60% of your time in teaching and management, and 40% in research (including PhD supervision).

Expectations of the assistant professor

› Has a PhD in human geography or related social science field, in which GIS was a key research tool.

› Has an interest in and knowledge about geospatial data science and in applications of GIScience to societal and environmental issues from local to global scales.

› Has publications in international peer-reviewed academic journals.

› Will develop a research agenda consistent with the Faculty’s research focus and will supervise PhD students.

› Will contribute to CASUS’ aim of enhancing knowledge using digital technologies and apply it to topics such as mobility and wellbeing, rural geography, or tourism.

› Is in the possession of a University Teaching Qualification or is prepared to acquire this qualification within a reasonable timeframe.

› Has teaching experience in GIS; awareness of and willingness to use the latest innovations in teaching techniques.

› Is willing to participate in appropriate Faculty committees and/or other management tasks.

› Is fluent in English and has knowledge of or is willing to learn Dutch (to at least CEFR B2 level – for reading and listening).

Conditions of employment

› You will be appointed for a period of 2 years, with the prospect of a permanent position after a positive evaluation.

› The University of Groningen offers a salary, depending on qualifications and work experience, with a minimum of € 3,637 (salary scale 11 Dutch Universities) to a maximum of € 5,656 (scale 12) gross per month for a full-time position.

› On top of that income, you will receive an 8% holiday allowance and an annual bonus of 8.3%.

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Assistant Professor in Spatial Data Analysis

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The selection interviews will take place on 15 March, 2019.

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Lecturer in Human Geography and Planning

(0.8–1.0 fte)

Office of Education, Faculty of Spatial Sciences of the University of Groningen

The Faculty of Spatial Sciences at the University of Groningen is looking for a Lecturer in Human Geography and Planning, preferably with interest in and knowledge about Geographic Information Systems and innovative digital developments.

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Lecturer in Human Geography and Planning

Description of the position
As Lecturer, you will contribute to teaching in the Bachelor programme of Human Geography & Planning and the Bachelor programme of Spatial Planning and Design. Your main teaching tasks will be related to GIS, methods of scientific research and (digital) skills courses. We will adjust the exact teaching requirements to your background and experience.

Expectations of the lecturer
› Has a Master’s degree in Human Geography, Planning or related social science field.

› Has experience in teaching in higher education; awareness of and willingness to use the latest innovations in teaching techniques.

› Is in the possession of a University Teaching Qualification or is prepared to acquire this qualification within a reasonable timeframe.

› Has an interest in and knowledge about GIS and innovative digital developments.

› Is willing to participate in appropriate Faculty committees and/or other management tasks.

› Is fluent in English and has knowledge of or is willing to learn Dutch (to at least CEFR B2 level – for reading and listening).

Conditions of employment
› You will be appointed for a period of 2 years, with the prospect of a permanent position after a positive evaluation.

› The University of Groningen offers a salary, depending on qualifications and work experience, with a minimum of € 2,709 to a maximum of € 4,274 (salary scale 10 Dutch Universities) gross per month for a full-time position.

› On top of that income, you will receive an 8% holiday allowance and an annual bonus of 8.3%.

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Lecturer in Human Geography and Planning

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The city of Groningen is an old city in the north of the Netherlands which dates back to the year 1040. Today, it is the seventh largest city of the Netherlands. The city is the cultural and the economic capital of the North of the Netherlands. Groningen has the youngest average age in the Netherlands, with more than 50,000 students being part of its entire 200,000 population. This gives the city a young and vibrant feel. Groningen has received many awards in recent years, such as European city with highest quality of living, safest city and best student city in the Netherlands. It is one of the most innovative cities in Europe, awarded by the European Commission. No wonder the city’s often used slogan is: nothing tops Groningen.