Dearest upcoming psychology student!

Congratulations on your admission to the Psychology program at the University of Groningen! After a long summer, the time has come to start studying to become a psychologist in the most beautiful city of the Netherlands! Your time as a student will be a time where you will have the chance to broaden your horizon, expand your knowledge in the variety of fields the Psychology program offers and to meet a lot of new people who will soon become close friends. A time where you will work on your future while having the time of your life. To make your student experience the best it can be, VIP is there to make your study life easier and to help you get to know your fellow students!

VIP is the study association for psychology students in Groningen. Study associations like they exist in the Netherlands are a unique concept and can in such a form hardly be found in other countries. Study associations start where your study program stops and consist out of students who are following the same study, they offer study-related and social activities as well as additional study support such as discount on books or tutoring. VIP is the study association for psychology students in Groningen and with nearly 1500 members we are the largest study association in Groningen! For decades, we have organized many activities by and for psychology students. We provide the opportunity to meet lots of other psychology students and offer you support during this amazing study, so join your fellow psychology students and become a member of VIP today!

As a VIP-member you will get **a discount up to 20% on your study books**. The unique feature of the book sale at VIP is that we only offer the books that you need. No searching on the internet and in bookstores for the right books. We have the right books ready for you and we even offer them for a lower price! It is possible to receive the books at your home address or to pick them up at the faculty. VIP also offers tutoring with a discount for courses like statistics. Throughout the year we organize **VIP-activities**, where members get at least a 30% discount. The study related activities will complement your studies and will help you to prepare for your career as a psychologist. For example, there are lectures, career nights and in-house days. These are good opportunities to gain more knowledge in the field of psychology in addition to the lectures. Besides that, there are a lot of social activities, like the monthly VIP-drinks, a hitchhiking contest, a student exchange with a foreign University and the infamous VIP-parties. The ideal way to meet new people and make friends!

To give you a good start of the year, VIP organizes the **Diesweek** where we celebrate the birthday of the association and welcome incoming first-year students as well as an **introduction camp** where you can get to know your fellow psychology students even better. Both events take place the week prior to the start of the lectures. The Diesweek will take place from the 27th until the 29th of August 2018. The introduction camp will take place in Schoonoord and takes place from the 31st of August until the 2nd of September 2018. During these days you it is not only possible to get to know VIP and enjoy its activities, but you also **get to know a lot of other new students**. You can find more information about these activities in the document ‘Diesweek and Introductioncamp VIP’ on this webpage or on the **VIP website**.
Would you like to become a VIP-member next year? You can subscribe on Monday 27th of August 2018 between 11:00h and 17:00h. On this day, you can also sign up for the Diesweek, the introduction camp and you can order your books for the first semester. If you have pre-subscribed for VIP online, you can confirm your membership on Monday the 27th. The location of the registration day will be announced later.

If you have general questions about the study association and/or the registration days, please send an email to vip.gmw@rug.nl or call +31 50 – 363 6323. We are happy to help!

With the kindest regards,

The VIP board 2017-2018
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