

## KNIR Colloquia

### Call for Applications 2026

**Extended deadline 1 June 2026, 23.59 CEST**

#### **Description of KNIR Colloquia**

KNIR Colloquia are small, exclusive expert meetings, hosted and funded by the Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome. Their purpose is to offer early or mid-career academics from all fields the opportunity to improve their research profile by organising an international workshop in Rome on a topic central to their current research agenda. The topic should be directly or indirectly linked to the KNIR's research profile and/or Rome. The Colloquium can host up to 15 scholars (including the convenor/applicant) in a 2 day programme. This year, the KNIR sponsors and hosts one such Colloquium.

The KNIR Colloquia programme targets early and mid-career academics with a position as assistant professor (*universitair docent*, tenured or not, indicatively with 3 to 15 years of academic employment) or as lecturer (*docent*, holding a PhD) at one of the Dutch universities that support the KNIR: the University of Amsterdam, Groningen University, Leiden University, Radboud University, Utrecht University and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. The programme aims to offer opportunities particularly to those academics who do not profit from external research funding (NWO, ERC etc.), or have a teaching load that currently prevents them from in-depth investments in their research profile.

We warmly welcome new applications for a colloquium to be held in the academic year 2026-2027.

#### **Conditions for submission**

- The applicant is the organiser of the KNIR Colloquium. They are responsible for the programme content, for selecting and communicating with the speakers and other participants, and for balancing the budget.
- The maximum budget available for the KNIR Colloquium is €12.500 (meant for travel expenses, lodging of the participants, and for catering). There are a limited number of rooms available at the institute. Hotel accommodation should be found for most of the participants.
- The Colloquium should be held between September 2026 and July 2027. The exact dates will be determined once the selection procedure is completed, based on the institute's availability.
- The financial management will be a joint responsibility of KNIR and the applicant's home university.
- Further agreements about planning and the development of the content will be made between the KNIR and the successful applicant. The KNIR reserves the right to refrain from further organisation of the Colloquium if agreements are not kept.

## **Applications**

Applicants are invited to submit a dossier containing:

- A motivation letter which takes into consideration the objectives of the KNIR Colloquia programme and its target group as specified above (max. 1 page).
- A general description of the Colloquium topic, its objectives, and its position in the applicant's current research agenda (max. 2 pages).
- An outline of the Colloquium programme, including the names and short profiles of the prospective participants (max. 2 pages). At this point, no confirmation of attendance from all envisioned participants is required, but please indicate any confirmed speakers. We strongly encourage applicants to involve Italian scholars.
- The applicant's CV.

At KNIR we believe diversity enriches debate: different perspectives contribute to the quality of our work. We therefore value and highly encourage applications from researchers with diverse backgrounds and identities.

## **Deadline and assessment**

- The deadline for applications is 1 June 2026, 23.59 CEST
- Please submit application dossiers to: [secretary@knir.it](mailto:secretary@knir.it)
- Applications will be evaluated by a committee comprising the Scientific Director and members of the scientific staff of the KNIR.
- Notification follows before 1 July 2026. There will be no feedback or correspondence about the results.
- For further information and enquiries: [info@knir.it](mailto:info@knir.it)