

INTERNSHIP VACANCY

Would you like to develop your research skills working in an academic environment?

The Partnerships Resource Centre is offering a four-month research internship starting in February 2020.

Partnerships Resource Centre

The Partnerships Resource Centre (PrC) is an international research- and knowledge center for public-private collaboration for sustainable and inclusive development. Embedded within the Rotterdam School of Management (RSM) of the Erasmus University (EUR), PrC as a flagship center bridges science and practice. PrC aims to understand how cross-sector partnerships work and how they can contribute to sustainable transformations. For more information about PrC's research projects, please visit the website.

From 2014 until 2018, PrC was coordinator and partner of the PPPLab for Food and Water (PPPLab), a four-year action research and joint learning & support initiative to learn about the relevance, effectiveness and quality of Dutch supported public-private partnerships (PPPs). Its mission was to extract and co-create knowledge and methodological lessons from and on PPPs that can be used to improve both implementation and policy. PPPLab focused on partnerships funded in the first rounds of the Facility for Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Food Security (FDOV).

Research project on public-private partnerships for food and nutrition security

The Netherlands Working Group on international Nutrition (NWGN) promotes the inclusion of nutrition and nutrition sensitive approaches in development policies and strategies of Dutch stakeholders. The NWGN states that improving food and nutrition security (FNS) contributes directly or indirectly to the realization of UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Netherlands is considered to be a front runner when it comes to effective cooperation between government, civil society, the private sector and academics, referred to as the Dutch Diamond approach. This collaboration often takes the form of public-private partnerships (PPPs). The Dutch experiences are regularly used in an international context for illustration and inspiration.

For the purpose of an exchange during the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit in Japan, planned for end of 2021, and to inform the UN Global Food Systems Summit (also planned for 2021), the NWGN wants to present a systematic compilation of experiences and lessons of PPPs addressing food and nutrition challenges.

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NWGN asked PrC to conduct a systematic evaluation of knowledge and insights about FNS PPPs to learn in-depth from Dutch experiences. Main research activities include identification and collecting relevant data on partnership designs, financing modalities, partnership project evaluations and end reports, PPP case descriptions, and other relevant literature; interviews with PPP and FNS experts (scholars and practitioners), analysing the data on the basis of the research questions and the perspectives of the experts, incorporate the findings into an evaluation report.

The research must in any case produce the following results:

- A comparative study of the different partnership designs and financing modalities of Dutch PPPs;
- An analysis of the existing evaluations, project reports of mainly AIM / GAIN portfolio and case studies of PPPs mainly in the field of FNS;
- An evidence-based reflection of the most important insights and lessons learned aimed at addressing FNS challenges; and
- A dissemination plan, to make the research findings accessible and share them with the broader international FNS community, in particular FNS policy makers.

Internship

PrC is looking for a qualified and enthusiastic intern who can support desk research activities. The main tasks include collecting data on FNS PPPs, analysing and interpreting relevant data, transcribing interviews, and general support for the researchers.

The intern has at least a bachelor's degree in social sciences, preferably in the field of health or food policy. A specialization in human nutrition and health, agriculture and food systems innovation in low- and middle-income countries is recommended. The working language is English.

The intern is expected to be able to work independently, especially given that it is currently not allowed to work in the office. It is also important that the intern is flexible, proactive, can collaborate and has a heart for sustainable development.

The internship could possibly be part of a master's degree. However, it is expected that the intern is available at least 4 days a week for four consecutive months. The internship starts as soon as possible but not later than February 1, 2021 and lasts four months. The size of the assignment is approximately 0.8 fte. The internship fee is € 500 per month and travel and other project related expenses are reimbursed on the basis of actual costs incurred.

During the assignment the intern will be embedded in the PrC team and is expected to participate in weekly (virtual) team meetings. Weekly interactions with the PrC internship supervisor and, if needed, other project team members, will ensure that the assignment is manageable, expectations about deliverables are clear, and to ensure progress and quality of the work. To ensure confidentiality of data shared with the intern, he/she has to sign an NDA.

More information

For more information about this internship, please contact Marieke de Wal, Managing Director of the PrC at +31 (0)642 364 703 or via mwal@rsm.nl. Applications including a motivation letter and CV can also be sent to her. Of course, all applications will be treated confidentially. The closing date for this vacancy is January 25, 2021.