

**Program Manager for Research Projects**  
(Programma Manager)  
“Foundation for Auditing Research”

**(1 FTE / 40 hours, 2x 0,5 FTE or part time possible)**

This is a job of great significance. As the lynchpin in the research production of the Foundation for Auditing Research (FAR), you will bring together the best researchers in the world and the nine largest audit firms in the Netherlands to conduct research that directly feeds the societal and professional debate on the added value and quality of auditing. By streamlining data collection and knowledge exchange for approximately 25 research projects, you will be working with the best research teams, operate in a top-of-the-bill secure IT infrastructure, and get an inside look at the largest audit firms in the Netherlands.

So, do you have a scientific mindset with an affinity for auditing practice, are you a connector focused on results, and do you want to work in a small but ambitious and forward-thinking team that makes unique research possible? Then contact us - we would love to tell you more.

**Where will you be working?**

***De Foundation for Auditing Research***

The Foundation for Auditing Research (FAR) is an autonomous research institution focused on scientific research into factors that determine audit quality. The (nine) largest audit firms in the Netherlands make research data available to FAR researchers. FAR thus represents a unique collaboration between science and practice, strengthens the learning curve of the audit profession and its stakeholders, feeds accountancy education and offers sustainable support to the research community in the field of auditing, both within the Netherlands and abroad. The activities to be carried out by FAR consist of three parts: unlocking research data, initiating and (having) research projects carried out, and finally communicating widely on the progress of knowledge. FAR was established in October 2015 as part of the improvement plan of the accountancy sector "In the public interest". When FAR was first established, a growth model was chosen in terms of the management organization. Given the steady growth of FAR's activities, the FAR Board recently decided to professionalize the management organization. For more information on FAR see the website: <http://foundationforauditingresearch.org/>

You will be working in a small, motivated, and committed team that works closely together with different parties to realize FAR's social ambition. FAR's aim is to increase research-based knowledge and to share it with practice and science to improve audit quality. The Foundation puts out research questions and invites international research groups to conduct these studies. FAR collects data from the audit firms and makes it available to the research groups. FAR also makes funds available to academic researchers to carry out their projects. The research findings are then shared with practitioners and academics through various media channels. FAR therefore represents a unique collaboration between science and practice.

### ***Nyenrode Business Universiteit***

Nyenrode Business University provides the management organization for FAR. The organization consists of a dedicated team of approximately six people and is headed by Professor dr. Olof Bik RA (Professor at Nyenrode and Managing Director of FAR), Professor dr. Jan Bouwens (Professor at the University of Amsterdam and Managing Director of FAR) and drs. Jeanine Lemstra RC EMCCC (Operational Director of FAR).

Nyenrode is a small-scale private university, founded in 1946 by and for the business world, with an international focus. Nyenrode offers degree and executive education programs in the fields of business, management, accountancy, controlling and tax law, and also conducts research in these fields.

Our employees are distinguished by their flexibility and resilience. They have great passion for their profession and for the organization. They are fully committed and ambitious!

Working at Nyenrode means working on a wooded 13th century estate with a castle in Breukelen. In addition, we have an office on the Keizersgracht in the historic center of Amsterdam.

### **What is the challenge?**

As Program Manager for Research Projects at FAR, you will execute the strategy and day-to-day operations, particularly in the area of the research projects and data collection. This means being able to communicate clearly between the various stakeholders, such as the international research teams, the teams within the affiliated audit firms and our data service provider. This often involves complex processes and high expectations. In addition, you will implement policymaking, process and risk management, and internal control around data gathering for research activities (including information security and supplier management). The Research Data Coordinator will report to you.

This ensures that the position is best filled by someone with a background in auditing/accounting (practice, education, or research) and who has a proactive, flexible, and service-oriented attitude. Excellent (English and Dutch) oral and written communication skills are essential.

### **The right candidate will have the following skills**

- University level degree, preferably in accountancy.
- Minimally 3 years work experience in a project management office or a coordinating role focused on data management/collection, education and/or research.
- Ability to work together with an open, communicative attitude.
- Excellent command of the Dutch and English language in word and writing (the main language of FAR).
- Enterprising, service-oriented attitude, independent and proactive, results-driven, meticulous, and stress-resistant - focused on achieving results in an international scientific and professional external environment.
- Ability to communicate effectively and with a sense of proportion between different stakeholders (affiliated audit firms, the international research community, professional organisation, regulators, politics, and media) in the field of auditing.
- A feel for processes of policy, reporting and accountability related to practice-based scientific research and education.
- Affinity with the auditing profession and with scientific research and education in auditing but need not be an expert in those fields.

### **What is our offer?**

FAR is a young organization with a big mission. Together with the FAR team, you have the opportunity to firmly establish the organization at the intersection of science and practice. This requires guts, determination, and a broad horizon.

At the same time, FAR is a team where cooperation and a personal approach are highly valued. In this role you will develop skills in project management and data management and learn to manoeuvre smoothly in a complex multi-stakeholder environment.

A salary in Nyenrode's scale 11, depending on your age and work experience and based on full-time employment. In addition, you will have 30 days holiday (with the possibility of extending this by five days) and a fixed end-of-year bonus of at least 5.1% (over annual salary and holiday allowance).

Combination of this position with your own PhD research or another position within or outside Nyenrode is possible.

### **Enthusiastic?**

Are you enthusiastic? Then we would like to receive your reaction by means of a motivation and a curriculum vitae via [jobs@nyenrode.nl](mailto:jobs@nyenrode.nl). For more information about this vacancy, please contact Jeanine Lemstra (Director of Operations) at [jeanine.lemstra@foundationforauditingresearch.org](mailto:jeanine.lemstra@foundationforauditingresearch.org) or call +31 6 3745 0247.

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