**WIAS Graduate programme call 2024**

The WIAS Graduate Programme call 2024 involves the funding of one PhD position. The aim is to support a high potential and talented MSc student of WU to obtain their PhD through research at one of the WIAS chair groups on a subject of their choice.

The call for the WIAS graduate programme is open to all MSc students from Wageningen University who graduate(d) between August 2023 and December 2024. The proposals must be written by the candidate with feedback from the anticipated supervisors of the project. All applications need to be accompanied by a letter of support from the main supervisor(s) of the project and must be submitted no later than **1 September 2024** to Nicole Rodenburg (nicole.rodenburg@WUR.nl).

The grant covers the 4-year salary costs of the candidate. Research costs are to be covered by the chair group that is hosting the PhD candidate.

**Conditions for application**

* The daily supervisor/promotor is a WIAS member
* Each WIAS promotor can only be part of maximum one application.
* The candidate has obtained or will obtain their WU MSc degree between August 2023 and December 2024
* A candidate can only apply to this programme once.

**Selection of the candidates**

A selection committee, composed of members of the WIAS research committee and WIAS Board will assess the submissions based on:

* Quality of the candidate (40%)
	+ Motivation of the candidate
	+ CV of the candidate
* Scientific quality and originality (30%)
* Scientific and/or societal impact of the proposed research (30%)

From the applications a maximum of six candidates will be invited to present themselves and their research in an interactive session with the selection committee. In the presentation the candidate is asked to elaborate on the research project and their motivation. The selection committee will base its final judgement on the proposal, presentation and the interview. The exact date of the interviews will be announced later. The granted PhD projects must start in 2024.

**Time schedule**

1 September 2024 Deadline submission proposals

September 2024 Internal reviewing procedure

1 October 2024 Announcement of selected candidates for interview

mid October 2024 Interviews and decision