

## Call for Applications:

### Dutch language-course in June 2017 at Columbia University for Graduate Students (tuition-free)

**Applications** are invited for a month-long course in modern Dutch, early modern Dutch/paleography, and archives in the Netherlands, each section of which can be taken separately. The course is free-of-charge. Funding has been provided through the Queen Wilhelmina Professorship at Columbia University and by the University of Amsterdam.

The course has three distinct sections, and students may apply to any or all of the three. A single letter of application will suffice for any section(s) of the course, but applicants should be sure to include the appropriate supporting materials for the particular section(s) of the course to which application is being made.

APPLICATIONS FOR ALL SESSIONS ARE **DUE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017.**

- two weeks of Modern Dutch for Reading Knowledge [(Week I & II (5/30 - 6/2 & 6/5 - 6/8)]

- one week of 17th-century Dutch/paleography [(Week III (6/12 - 6/15)]

- one week archival workshop in Amsterdam [(Week IV (6/19 - 6/22)]

*(All weeks run from Mondays through Thursdays, except for Week I, which runs from Tuesday through Friday - Memorial Day is Monday 5/29)*

## Descriptions of the courses and requirements for admission to each section

### **Week I & II: Modern Dutch for Reading Knowledge**

This section will cover reading skills, grammar and vocabulary in modern Dutch.

*Open to all students with the equivalent of 2 semesters or more of Dutch at the university level. Students must submit transcripts showing their successful completion of required coursework or other evidence of competence in the language. **Preference will be given to students enrolled in a PhD program.***

*Students who are unsure if their level of Dutch is satisfactory should contact Ms. de Groot to arrange an evaluation ([wed23@columbia.edu](mailto:wed23@columbia.edu)).*

### **Week III: 17th-century Dutch texts/paleography workshop**

The workshop will cover reading strategies of 17th-century printed and handwritten texts.

*Open to all students with the equivalent of 3 semesters or more of Dutch or 2 full years of German at the university level. Students must submit transcripts showing their successful completion of required coursework,*

or other evidence of competence in the language. In addition, students should submit a letter of application explaining their reason for registration. **Preference will be given to students enrolled in a PhD program.**

#### **Week IV: Archival workshop in Amsterdam**

This workshop (in collaboration with the University of Amsterdam) will take place in the Netherlands and will introduce students to archives in Amsterdam and to the kinds of sources available there and in other archives or libraries in the Netherlands. Space for this week is limited and highly competitive. Preference will be given to PhD candidates who are ready to start dissertation research.

*For this section of the course, local travel expenses will be covered, but participants need to find and pay for their own lodging. Some meals may be covered as well. Email Wijnie de Groot at [wed23@columbia.edu](mailto:wed23@columbia.edu) for additional information, and suggestions for affordable lodging.*

#### **PREREQUISITES**

*Applicants for the Amsterdam portion of the course must*

- have completed MA thesis and first-year of graduate work at the Phd level*
- be enrolled in a PhD program*
- must be at or close to the stage of planning the dissertation research and have a good idea of the kinds of sources that will be necessary*
- submit a letter of support from advisor or principal faculty member: the letter should endorse the usefulness of the trip and the archival experience, in the expectation that it will lead to archival work for the thesis.*
- submit a letter of purpose: it should explain how the training will advance their ongoing or planned research for a doctoral thesis.*
- show evidence of competence in reading skills in modern Dutch. To do so, applicants must pass a written language test or provide a letter from an instructor of Dutch at the university level attesting to adequate reading skills. Please contact Wijnie de Groot to schedule a language test.*

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**All applications, along with supporting documents, should be emailed to Wijnie de Groot at [wed23@columbia.edu](mailto:wed23@columbia.edu). They are due February 27, 2017.**

**Inquiries should also be directed to Ms. de Groot at that email.**