

Admission criteria for members

The postgraduate school distinguishes several types of memberships. The admission criteria for the various memberships are described below.

Senior members are assistant, associative, or full professors who work as a staff member in one of the associated research groups. One must fulfill the following criteria in order to become a senior member: in the last five years, the scientist must have collected at least 50 publication points by publishing research articles in international (English) and/or Dutch/ Flemish journals or books, or in the national scientific press. The PhD thesis is excluded from this count. First authorship of an international publication (chapter or article in the WI-1 category - English) yields 10 points. Second, third or further authorship of such a publication is awarded by 3 points. A non-English article (referred) or book (chapter) as a first author also yields 3 points. As a second, third or further author, the researcher receives 1 point. An article written in English, but published in a non-WI-I, but peer-reviewed scientific journal, yields the same amount of points as a non-English article. An extra requirement is that at least 25 points should be scored on the basis of international publications. Every 5 years the senior members have to submit a request to extend their membership. The Office will send an invitation to the members to supply a publication overview over the last 5 years. In case of not meeting the criteria a member can apply for exemption at the Board of the School.

Candidate members are researchers (assistant professors) who have completed their PhD and who are admitted if they have scored at least 25 publication points in the last five years, of which 13 points are collected on the basis of internationally published articles. A candidate membership is granted for a maximum of five years. Exemption is possible in exceptional cases. A reasoned request for dispensation should be sent to the Board of the School.

In case a (candidate) member is not able to meet the required amount of publication points he/she will receive a warning. The (candidate) member will be able to gather the required amount of publication points (gathered in a period of 5 years) within the following 2 years. Exemption is possible in exceptional cases (maternity leave e.g.). A reasoned request for dispensation should be sent to the Board of the School.

The senior and candidate members can be staff members with either a permanent or a temporary appointment (e.g., a postdoc position). The type of appointment will be registered separately from the type of membership.

Applications for a senior, candidate or post-doc membership should be submitted at the Office Postgraduate School EPP. This application should contain a recent publication list.

Finally, the school has PhD students: researchers who are completing their PhD under supervision of one or more EPP senior staff members. Before the junior researcher can become a student member of the school, the project as written by his/her supervising senior member will be judged by the Board in order to check whether the research thematically and methodically fits within EPP, is feasible with a fixed period of time (e.g., 3-5 years) and meets the standards for a PhD.

Apart from the senior membership, candidate membership, post-docs and PhD students, there is an associated membership. This is meant for employees of a new department who seek alliance during a period, for which a contract was already concluded between the participating universities of the postgraduate school. To prevent the universities concerned from being forced to make a new collective agreement too often, a newcomer becomes an associated member by signing a bilateral agreement. The

associated membership can also be used if a University Board has decided only to participate in postgraduate schools of which the lead is vested with the own university. From 2005 till September 2014 the department of Medical Psychology of UMCN St. Radboud Nijmegen has had an associated membership.

Dual membership

Dual membership of (Associate) EPP PhD students

EPP PhD students may not be a member of another postgraduate school. However, this doesn't impact an EPP PhD student's ability to attend part of his or her training at the graduate school or the research institute where he or she is employed or to attend parts of the training program of another graduate school.

Dual membership of (Associate) EPP senior members

A senior EPP member may not also be a member of another graduate school. However, this doesn't impact a senior EPP member's ability to be part of the graduate school or the research institute where he or she is employed. In exceptional cases, the EPP Board may grant an exemption and permit dual membership.

Applications for exemptions require the following procedures:

A senior member addresses a motivated request to the EPP Board explaining how his or her research in the diagnosis, treatment and release of those psychopathological disorders will benefit from an EPP membership. The member also clearly indicates which elements of his/her research fall within the area of expertise of the other postgraduate school.

A senior member with a dual membership clearly indicates in the (annual) report of her output (publications, promotions and obtained grants) which output belongs to EPP and which output belongs to the other postgraduate school that the senior member is also a member of. It is not allowed to address the publication output belonging to EPP to another postgraduate school.

When determining whether a senior member with a dual membership meets the EPP membership criteria, the senior member must gain at least 50 points through publications in the international (English) and/or Dutch/Flemish or national scientific press. This determination shall only include those publications specified to the EPP Board as belonging to EPP.

When submitting projects to EPP, the senior member clarified which subjects and allied training require the project to belong to the EPP postgraduate school.

The PhD student engaged in a project that has been accepted by EPP consequently attends his or her training at the EPP postgraduate school. In addition, any publications and PhD research are considered to belong to EPP (and not to the other postgraduate school that the senior member is also a member of).

Senior membership emeritus professor

The senior membership is also possible for emeritus full professors, provided that they still meet the EPP membership criteria and that they still have the Ius Promovendus.

A senior membership without Ius Promovendus is also possible, provided one is also involved as a supervisor in an EPP promotion project and qualifies for the rules of publication as a senior member.

Presenting research proposals

If a senior researcher wishes to submit a PhD research project to the postgraduate school, we highly appreciate that the project proposal form of the school is used. You can apply for the proposal form by

sending a request to the office ozschoolepp@maastrichtuniversity.nl

The proposal is presented to the Board with the request to judge within four weeks. In case of doubt, there will be a further consultation between the Director and the applicant. The EPP office takes care that the proposal is sent to three members of the Board, with the request to judge it within four weeks. Conform the Government Order dated January 11th 2005 the judgement is anonymous. The Director of the postgraduate school EPP selects the judges. If a proposal is submitted by Maastricht University the chairman of the Board will make the decision. The total procedure will be finished within five weeks.

If the project is accepted, the applicant receives permission to recruit. The Director overlooks this procedure. The recruitment of PhD students usually takes place by means of an open procedure (advertising in papers and / or spreading via the internet). However, when there are good arguments, this procedure can be omitted. Applications should be submitted to the director (if possible) before the procedure starts in order to prevent problems with applicants.

As a rule there are three exceptions:

1. The candidate wrote the proposal his/herself.
2. The candidate already has a steady position in the institute and is going to do the PhD-research as part of this position.
3. The candidate has been selected by an official talent scout procedure within the university.

The minimum requirement for an open procedure is through advertising at the website of the University and the postgraduate school.

In case of violation a written warning is ensued (that will also be sent to the local Board). In case of a second violation the person will be suspended for two years as a member of the postgraduate school.

The PhD projects approved by NWO/ZonMW/FWO will be assessed for acceptance into the postgraduate school of Experimental Psychopathology by means of a "light" procedure. From October 2007 this procedure will also be used for projects which have attained the fundable status but will nevertheless not be funded after all.

The "light" acceptance procedure implies that the director of science will marginally evaluate the submitted PhD projects on compliance with the school's scientific goals, if necessary after consulting the chairman. The project proposals in question should be submitted in the original format, explicitly indicating their status (fundable and accepted, or fundable and not accepted). The open application procedure will remain a requirement.

Annual contribution per participating PhD student

For the membership, an annual contribution is needed per participating PhD student. This contribution is determined by dividing the total costs that are made in the course of the last year by the number of PhD students. By doing so, the contribution may vary from year to year. Except the years in which there were non-recurring high costs (for example in the year of renewal of the accreditation by the KNAW), the contribution per PhD student amounts approximately 750,- euro per year. PhD students taking longer than 4 years to finish their thesis will not be invoiced after 4 years.