

**Netherlands School for Advanced Studies in Theology and Religion
(NOSTER)
Application Form PhD candidates**

PhD candidates connected to an academic institution that participates in NOSTER can become a junior member of the research school. NOSTER distinguishes between two types of junior membership: *regular membership* and *associated membership*.

NOSTER invites PhD candidates to completely fill in this form. For the distinction between regular and associated membership as well as instructions for correctly filling in this form, please read the explanation on the final page of this document.

PhD candidates who cannot or do not want to become a member of NOSTER are welcome to participate in individual NOSTER courses and activities. For the costs: see the [Curriculum Format](#).

1. Personal Details

Application for: regular junior membership / associated junior membership*

Initials and Last Name:

First Name:

Title:

University:

Faculty:

Department/Institute:

Discipline:

Research Institute:

Postal address:

Postal code and city:

Telephone:

E-mail address:

Starting date employment (if applicable):

Intended final date (if applicable):

Appointment: FTE during year

2. Previous Education

Bachelor in:

(Research) Master in:

Minor, if any, in:

3. Research Project

Project Title (*in English*):

Summary of the research project (*in English*), max. 300 words, plus max. 5 key words:

Supervision

- Promotor(es):
- Co-promotor(es):
- Supervisor(s):

* Delete where not applicable.

4. Training of the PhD candidate

NOSTER offers PhD candidates the option of attending fully certified study programmes within NOSTER. The norm for these programmes is as follows: each PhD candidate must attend courses for the equivalent of 15 EC. Once the PhD candidate has successfully completed their study programme requirements, they receive a NOSTER testimonium as proof.¹

In principle, the certified study programme consists of two compulsory courses and a selection of electives.

The compulsory courses are:

- 2 years participation in one of the NOSTER PhD seminars (2.5 ECTS per year);
- 3 x participation in the annual two-day NOSTER spring PhD conference incl. a presentation of newly begun dissertation research and a presentation of more complete dissertation research with responses by senior researchers (1-2 ECTS per year).

PhD candidates may also choose from: the annual NOSTER autumn PhD meeting, the biennial Grand Course Theology and Religious Studies & one-time advanced courses, Master classes and reading seminars. They may also choose to attend courses provided by the other national research schools in the humanities affiliated with LOGOS.

For more information on the NOSTER curriculum, see the [NOSTER Website](#).

I intend to follow NOSTER's certified trajectory

I intend to participate in individual courses from the NOSTER curriculum

5. Signing

Send this form digitally to the Graduate School or research institute of your institution. They can send the final version to NOSTER: noster@ru.nl.

¹ A NOSTER course certificate is issued upon successful completion of an individual course.

Explanation to the Application Form for PhD Candidates

Different types of NOSTER membership & costs for participation in NOSTER courses

a. Regular junior membership

PhD candidates with a (paid) position at an academic institution that participates in NOSTER and whose position is at least 3 FTE for the course of the entire research project (e.g. 3 years fulltime or 3 years and 9 months 0.8 FTE) can become a regular NOSTER member.

Regular NOSTER members do not have to pay for participating in NOSTER courses, as the institution they are connected to pays their contribution.

b. Associated junior membership

(External) PhD Candidates who do not have a (paid) position at an academic institution that participates in NOSTER or whose position is less than 3 FTE for the course of the entire research project, can become an associated member.

The costs for associated membership are €1,000 for four years (max. 3 x participation in the NOSTER Spring PhD Conferences) or €400 per year.

NOSTER will send the invoice to the institution from which the PhD candidate hopes to acquire his/her PhD degree. This institution will itself either or not balance this with the PhD candidate or with the candidate's employer (e.g. if he/she works at a university of applied sciences).

c. Participation in individual courses

(External) PhD candidates who cannot or do not want to become a member of NOSTER are welcome to participate in individual NOSTER courses and activities with the condition that the application for a NOSTER course is accompanied by an approval of the candidate's (intended) supervisor. NOSTER will send an invoice to the PhD candidate. For the costs per course click [here](#).

Signing and handing in your application form

The official request for becoming a regular or associated junior member needs to be sent to NOSTER by the institution to which the PhD candidate is connected: the institution needs to survey the number of its employees that are a *regular* junior member of NOSTER (which affects the institution's annual contribution) and it needs to survey the number of its employees that are an *associated* junior member of NOSTER (as it is responsible for paying NOSTER's invoice for this membership).

Therefore, fill in the application form digitally and send it to the Graduate School or research institute of your institution. They can send the final version to NOSTER: noster@uu.nl.

Deadlines for application

You can apply for membership throughout the year.