Dual Career PhD Application Form 2027

UNU-MERIT / Maastricht University – the questions you can expect in the online application form

Important – Terms of Application

- Application deadline: **15 February 2027** (midnight CET).
- If you apply before the deadline, your referee has until **22 February 2027** to submit their letter.
- Applications cannot be held over to the following year. Re-applicants must submit a new form.
- Academic year start upon admission: **September 2027**.

The online form consists of **eight parts**. You can interrupt at any stage and continue later – a personal resume link is emailed to you when you start. Fields marked with * are required. Please prepare the documents listed in parts 5, 6 and 7 in advance (maximum 2 MB per file).

Start Registration

Email address *

your@email.com

1/8 Personal Data

Name

Official first name(s) *

Last name *

Sex

Sex (as stated in passport) *

- ◯ Male
- ◯ Female
- ◯ X

Personal Details

Marital status *

Date of birth *

dd / mm / yyyy ▦

Place of birth *

Country of birth *

Nationality *

Second nationality (if applicable)

Current employer / Name self-employed firm *

Current job title *

Correspondence Address

Please provide as much detail as possible to facilitate communication.

Street & house number *

Town / City *

State / Province

Postal code

Country *

Phone

Email *

your@email.com

2/8 Language Skills

Fluency in English is a prerequisite. Please select your level for each skill.

Speaking *

- ◯ Basic
- ◯ Functional
- ◯ Advanced
- ◯ Mother tongue

Reading *

- ◯ Basic
- ◯ Functional
- ◯ Advanced
- ◯ Mother tongue

Writing *

- ◯ Basic
- ◯ Functional
- ◯ Advanced
- ◯ Mother tongue

☐ I obtained a degree from an all-English academic programme (at least one academic year).

2A/8 English Proficiency Test

Please select the English proficiency test you have taken and enter your score.

You can skip this part if you obtained a degree from an all-English programme, or if English is your mother tongue for speaking, reading and writing.

English proficiency test	Minimum requirement
TOEFL	100 iBT (5 on the new 1–6 scale); Maastricht University's TOEFL code is 7102
IELTS	7.0 / 7.5
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) / C1 Advanced	185
UN Language Competence Level	Level 4 (expert language competence)

Test *

Select a test ▾

Score *

Tests in the list: TOEFL, IELTS, CAE / C1 Advanced, UN Language Competence Level.

3/8 Other Information

How did you find out about this PhD programme? *

- ◯ Maastricht University website
- ◯ UNU-MERIT website
- ◯ Social media of UNU-MERIT
- ◯ Online job or academic announcement platforms
- ◯ Recommendation from a current PhD fellow
- ◯ Recommendation from a UNU-MERIT alumnus
- ◯ Partner university network
- ◯ Other

If other, please specify

4/8 Financial Resources

Tuition for year one is € 9000 due before 1 August. Tuition payment for the subsequent years is € 7000 per year of enrollment. The tuition fees include all programme-related costs except books, specific research costs, travel costs, visa and accommodation. UNU-MERIT does not offer scholarships or tuition waivers for joining the part-time programme.

Please indicate how you will fund your tuition fee. *

- ◯ Via your employer
- ◯ Self-sufficient
- ◯ An external scholarship (fill in the details in the field below)
- ◯ Otherwise (fill in the details in the field below)

Details

5/8 Letter of Recommendation

Letter of support from current employer / Self-employment motivation letter

Please upload a letter of support from your current employer. If you are self-employed or working as a consultant, you may substitute this with a personal motivation letter explaining how the PhD complements and fits alongside your work.

Name *

Company *

Email address *

your@email.com

Employer letter *

Choose file No file chosen

PDF / JPG / GIF / PNG / BMP, max 2 MB

Letter of Recommendation

Please provide the contact details of one referee (a current or former professor or employer). Once you submit your application, your referee will automatically receive an invitation to submit their letter directly. Your application is only complete once the letter has been received. Referee details cannot be updated after submission, so confirm in advance that your referee is willing and available.

Referee details

Name *

Affiliation *

Email address *

your@email.com

6A/8 Education: Bachelor Degree

The Dutch Ministry of Education requires confirmation of your degrees.

If you hold a single integrated degree covering both bachelor and master level (minimum 4 years), you may upload it for both entries.

Bachelor Degree Details

Institution *

Field of study *

Graduation date *

dd / mm / yyyy ▦

Upload Documents

Bachelor Certificate *

Choose file No file chosen

PDF / JPG / GIF / PNG / BMP, max 2 MB

Bachelor Grade list *

Choose file No file chosen

PDF / JPG / GIF / PNG / BMP, max 2 MB

Explanation of grading scale *

Choose file No file chosen

PDF / JPG / GIF / PNG / BMP, max 2 MB

6B/8 Education: Master Degree

Master Degree Details

Institution *

Address *

Field of study *

Graduation date *

dd / mm / yyyy

Upload Documents

Master Certificate *

Choose file No file chosen

PDF / JPG / GIF / PNG / BMP, max 2 MB

Master Grade list *

Choose file No file chosen

PDF / JPG / GIF / PNG / BMP, max 2 MB

Explanation of grading scale *

Choose file No file chosen

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6C/8 Education: Additional Documents

Optionally upload up to five additional degrees or documents you consider relevant. *If not applicable, skip by clicking Next.*

Document 1

Choose file No file chosen

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Document 2

Choose file No file chosen

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Document 3

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Document 4

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Document 5

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7/8 Required Documents

Research Proposal Details

Title of research proposal *

Keywords (3–5 keywords) *

e.g. innovation, development, impact evaluation

Document Uploads

Letter of Motivation (1–2 pages) *

Choose file No file chosen

PDF only, max 2 MB

Curriculum Vitae *

Choose file No file chosen

PDF only, max 2 MB

Copy of Passport *

Choose file No file chosen

PDF / JPG / GIF / PNG / BMP, max 2 MB

PhD Research Proposal (2–3 pages) *

Choose file No file chosen

PDF only, max 2 MB

8/8 Statement

By submitting this application I certify that all information provided is accurate and complete. I have read and accept the Terms of Application. I understand this is an application only and does not guarantee admission.

I can provide original or certified copies of my educational certificates on request.

After clicking "Submit Application", your application is final and can no longer be edited. Your referee will be contacted automatically.

☐ Optional: I would like to receive information about other programmes and courses offered by UNU-MERIT, and I consent to UNU-MERIT retaining my email address for this purpose in accordance with its privacy policy.

Date

Filled in automatically

Place *

City where you are signing this