



Call for Applications for 3 Joint Fellowships within the MD/PhD programme Groningen – Oldenburg

University Medicine Oldenburg, Germany
University of Groningen, University Medical Center Groningen, The Netherlands

Application deadline: 31 August, 2025

Open to: (soon to be) medical graduates (approximately within one year after/before graduation)¹ from any German university or the University of Groningen.

Funding: The funding period is for the duration of three years. Salary will be according to the German TV-L E13 (65%). A “bench fee” of up to 5.500 EUR/year will be provided. The positions are expected to be filled within one year of funding approval. For the time living in the Netherlands a housing cost allowance will be paid (maximum of 1.5years).

Scope of the programme

Our joint MD/PhD programme Groningen - Oldenburg is intended for motivated and talented (soon to be) medical graduates who aim to deepen their expertise in scientific research.

Your ambition is to have a career as both a clinical specialist and a scientist. So, if you aspire to:

- become a physician-scientist or a medical specialist at a university medical center,
- remain involved in scientific research while working as a general practitioner or a medical specialist at a regional hospital,

then we are looking for you!

The universities of Groningen and Oldenburg are joining forces to provide MD/PhD candidates with the best possible scientific qualification. Candidates benefit from an excellent research infrastructure and an inspiring local, regional, (eu)regional and international working environment. The MD/PhD candidates are supervised by experienced researchers from Groningen and Oldenburg and carry out their research project at both locations². In addition, they can take advantage of the course offers at both graduate schools (GSMS, OLTECH) to expand their scientific horizon. After the successful completion of the MD/PhD programme, they will be awarded with a double doctorate degree of both universities.

¹ The positions can only be taken on after graduation.

² Longer stays - ideally in equal parts - at both locations are a mandatory requirement of the programme.

How to apply

1. Draft a PhD research proposal together with a supervisor from both the University Medicine Oldenburg and a supervisor from the University Medical Center Groningen/University of Groningen (see projects offered on [programme's website](#)). You should have demonstratable prior expertise in the intended PhD research area.
2. Submit your PhD research proposal (using the [application form from the website](#)) along with the following items:
 - Letter of application of the candidate (max. 1 page)
 - Curriculum Vitae of the candidate
 - If applicable: Manuscript(s) in submission, in press or published
 - If applicable: Letter(s) of submission or acceptance
 - Commitment (letters) of the visiting institute(s) (if additional training abroad is included in the programme)

All applications must be submitted in electronic form (one PDF file) to Nina Löchte (international.fk6@uol.de) and Dr. Corinna Glasner (c.glasner@umcg.nl) by 31 August, 2025 (midnight).

Evaluation

Applications are evaluated in a two-step procedure by a joint committee of the University Medicine Oldenburg and the University Medical Center Groningen/University of Groningen. Selected candidates are invited to an interview. During the interview, the candidate will be asked to present and defend the PhD research proposal. Interviews are expected to take place at the end of September.

The committee will assess the applications on the basis of the candidate's CV, the candidate's results (study grades, etc.), his or her presentation during the interview and the quality and feasibility of the research proposal. Moreover, the fit of the proposed project with research at the University Medicine Oldenburg and the University Medical Center Groningen will be considered.

To increase the proportion of women in science, equally qualified female candidates will be given preference. Applicants with disabilities will be preferentially considered in case of equal qualification.

Decisions will be announced shortly after the interviews. The positions are expected to be filled within one year of the funding approval.

Contact

Further information can be found on the programme's website: <https://uol.de/jointmdphd>

For inquiries please contact: Nina Löchte (international.fk6@uol.de) or Dr. Corinna Glasner (c.glasner@umcg.nl). They can also support you in finding potential supervisors. Please see the above website for PhD projects offered by Oldenburg/Groningen supervisors.