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ASSESSMENT CONDITIONS
WO-MASTER
GENOMICS IN SOCIETY (RESEARCH)
Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam

REPORT

12 June 2022



1 NVAO Procedure

NVAO takes a decision on the accreditation of a programme on the basis of a panel report. If the accreditation decision is conditionally positive NVAO sets a time limit of maximum two years for the programme to meet the conditions.

At the request of the institution of higher education a panel of independent experts will assess whether the conditions are met. The institution sends the advisory report to NVAO before the end of the term. The assessment should make clear that the programme meets the NVAO quality criteria.

The NVAO decision and the panel report are published on the agency's website.¹ There you can also find more information on NVAO and the assessment of conditions.

2 Panel

Peer experts

- Prof. dr. Cees van der Vleuten (chair), Professor of Education at Maastricht University, Department of Educational Development and Research in the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences;
- Prof. dr. Harold Snieder, Professor of Genetic Epidemiology, University Medical Center Groningen;
- Prof. Rosario Isasi, J.D. M.P.H., Research Associate Professor of Human Genetics and Adjunct Professor of Law at the Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation Department of Human Genetics, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine;
- Alex Tess Rutten BA (student member), Research Master Cultural Analysis at the University of Amsterdam.

Assisting staff

- Ikrame Faris MSc, secretary
- Lotte Ninaber van Eijben MSc, NVAO policy advisor and process coordinator

Panel meeting (online)

The discussion regarding the assessment of the condition took place by e-mail on 31 May and 1 June 2022.

3 Programme

3.1 General Data

Institution	Erasmus University Rotterdam
Programme	Genomics in Society (research)
Modes of study	Fulltime
Degree	Master of Science
Tracks	None
Locations	Rotterdam
Study load	120 EC ²
Field of study	Health

3.2 NVAO Conditional Accreditation Decision

Report	Positive under condition
Decision	4 April 2022
Term	31 August 2022

¹ <https://www.nvaonet.nl/besluiten>

² European Credits

4 Assessment of Conditions

4.1 Condition 1

Appoint senior staff as course coordinators, or, as primarily responsible co-coordinators, to bring balance in the current composition of the core teaching team.

Judgement

The condition is met.

Findings, analysis and considerations

Erasmus MC has submitted a letter in which the measures that are implemented to meet the condition of the panel are explained. The management team has appointed three senior staff co-course coordinators for four courses in the first year, that initially were to be led by junior staff members alone. All coordinators will fulfill a role as regular lecturers and act as a sounding board and a point of contact to junior staff members before and during the course. The designated coordinators were involved during various stages of the development of the programme, have obtained their (senior) university teaching qualification (UTQ) and are already appointed as examiners or will be in short notice.

The management team also foresees wider involvement of senior staff in the programme, in the form of providing guest lectures, knowledge sharing and mutual cooperation as well as an active role for principal investigators (PIs) of the research groups in the Research Design course. In addition, research internships and master theses will be supervised exclusively by senior staff members.

The panel is positive about the measures that have been implemented to satisfy the condition. By appointing senior staff as primarily responsible co-coordinators the burden on younger and relatively inexperienced staff members is relieved and quality of education is guaranteed. The panel is pleased to learn that the appointed staff members were already involved in the development of the programme and possess the necessary teaching qualifications. Their expertise and experience is believed to provide the necessary support to junior staff in their development as professional teachers. Finally, the panel is satisfied that by meeting the condition the programme acts in accordance with the NVAO evaluation criteria for research masters regarding the quality of the involved teaching staff.

4.2 Final judgement

The panel concludes that the programme meets the condition. The programme has properly addressed the shortcomings which were identified in the previous peer review. Therefore, the panel reaches a positive conclusion regarding the quality of the programme.

