

**Tinbergen Institute  
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## Introduction

Tinbergen Institute is the graduate school and research institute in economics, jointly operated by the schools of economics of the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR), University of Amsterdam (UvA) and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU). The mission of Tinbergen Institute is to offer a selective research master program and an educational environment to graduate students and to stimulate research at the three schools. Active researchers of the three schools of economics, with an international reputation and having published highly cited papers, may join the Tinbergen Institute as research fellow. This document presents the rules concerning eligibility for the various TI fellowships and the application and evaluation procedure.

Fellowships are awarded on behalf of the ARC Board (Amsterdam-Rotterdam Consortium for Graduate Education). The Board of Vice Deans of Research decide on the admission of researchers who strictly speaking do not meet the regulations stipulated below.

This version of the Charter is valid until December 31, 2026.

## 1. Types of Fellowships

Tinbergen Institute takes the academic life cycle of researchers into account by applying different criteria to researchers at the beginning of their academic careers, at the peak of their careers and towards the end of their academic careers. Tinbergen Institute discerns three categories of research fellowships:

- TI Candidate Fellowship
- TI Research Fellowship
- TI Honorary Fellowship

All research fellows, no matter the fellow category, should hold a PhD. For a researcher to be eligible for a fellowship, his or her research field should fit into one of the broadly defined research groups of Tinbergen Institute, at present:

1. Behavioral Economics
2. Complexity
3. Econometrics
4. Finance
5. Empirical Economics
6. Macroeconomics
7. Organizations and Markets
8. Spatial Economics

A TI research fellow is a member of one of these groups. Each group is represented by two program leaders.

The basic requirement for candidate fellows and research fellows is an appointment at one of the three economics schools participating in Tinbergen Institute. In order to have the opportunity to actively participate in TI, a minimum appointment of 0.2 fte is required. Another requirement for research fellows is that they have an ORCID account with visibility of their publications granted to TI.

## 2. TI Candidate Fellowship

The candidate fellowship intends to include young researchers in the TI community. Candidate fellows will be actively involved in organizing TI seminar series and are invited to participate in TI activities.

### **Admission requirements**

To be admitted as a candidate fellow, a researcher should:

- have a PhD;
- hold a junior position with a designated research task (e.g., postdoc or (un-)tenured assistant professorship);
- be appointed for at least 0.2 fte at one of the Schools;
- be conducting research that fits into one of the 8 TI research groups.
- Have an ORCID with publications visible to TI.

Candidate fellowships last for a maximum of 6 years after the PhD defense. If a researcher becomes an associate or full professor during that period, he or she automatically loses the candidate fellowship. For family related reasons/in case of pregnancy, candidate fellows are entitled to an extension of the six-year period.

### Tasks

- Carry out and disseminate high quality research;
- Organize TI seminars, workshops and conferences;
- Actively participate in TI activities;
- Contribute to the TI doctoral program
- Actively promote TI and show commitment to its goals;
- Mention the TI affiliation in publications, CV and homepage.

### Benefits

- Publish in the TI discussion paper series;
- Budget to invite co-authors to TI;
- Use of work space on TI premises.

### Procedure

Researchers who meet the criteria are invited to apply for the candidate research fellowship at any time by submitting a CV to [research@tinbergen.nl](mailto:research@tinbergen.nl). The candidate must supply their ORCID and their University Research ID (for access to PURE). Candidate fellowships are granted on behalf of the ARC Board.

## 3. TI Research Fellowship

TI research fellows are selected researchers from the three Schools.

### Admission requirements

To be admitted as a research fellow, a researcher should:

- have a PhD;
- have a position with a designated research task;
- be appointed for at least 0.2 fte at one of the Schools;
- be conducting research that fits into one of the 8 TI research groups;
- have an excellent international reputation as an active researcher, as evidenced by recently published high-quality papers, highly cited papers, and an active research agenda. Appointment as fellow is based on meeting the research fellow requirements for publications and/or citations as described in Appendix I;
- have an ORCID with publications visible to TI.

### Tasks

- Carry out and disseminate high quality research;
- Supervise TI students
- Contribute to the TI doctoral program
- Organize TI seminars, workshops, conference;

- Actively participate in TI activities;
- Promote TI and show commitment to its goals;
- Mention the TI affiliation in publications, CV and homepage.

### Benefits

- Publish in the TI discussion paper series (also published at SSRN);
- Budget to invite guests and seminar speakers with support from the TI staff;
- Budget to organize large scale conferences and workshops with support from the TI staff;
- Close contact with excellent and well-trained candidates for a PhD position;
- Use of work space on TI premises.

### Procedure

Researchers who meet the criteria are invited to apply for the research fellowship at any time by submitting a request to [research@tinbergen.nl](mailto:research@tinbergen.nl). The candidate must supply their ORCID, their University Research ID (Pure ID) and their citation report. Decisions are based on citations, articles and (contributions to) books that have been published or of which the electronic version has been made available through the publisher's website.

University Research ID can be provided by:

- UvA: Lisa Koks, [ase-ri@uva.nl](mailto:ase-ri@uva.nl)
- EUR: in our possession or by contacting [lefebvre@rsm.nl](mailto:lefebvre@rsm.nl)
- VU: in our possession or by contacting [i.putter@vu.nl](mailto:i.putter@vu.nl)

A citation report for individual researchers is available [here](#).

Please indicate to which research program you belong at your School, and also of which TI research group you would like to be a member. Research fellowships are granted on behalf of the ARC Board.

## 4. TI Program Leader

A Program Leader is a (Co-)Leader of one of the Research Groups and of one of the fields/majors in the TI research master program. The Program Leaders together form the Research Council of TI.

### Criteria

A program leader should:

- be a TI research fellow;
- should have the experience and the capability to manage a research program;
- should have an overview of developments in his/her field which are relevant for the curriculum of the research master program.

### Tasks

As TI research fellow. In addition:

- Provide academic leadership as (co-)leader of a research group, covering one of the domains of research at TI;
- Actively and collaboratively participating in activities related to research program development, research ethics policy, periodic research assessments, evaluations and accreditations of TI and its programs;
- Membership of the Scientific Council;
- Actively advise the Director of Graduate Studies on developments in the field that have a bearing on the curriculum of the research master program;
- Building the reputation of the research program and the doctoral program in the international research community;
- Being actively committed to TI to establish and implement its goals;
- Coaching early and mid-career talent.

### **Procedure**

A Program Leader is appointed by the ARC Board. The duration of the appointment is five years. Appointments are not automatically renewed and may be terminated earlier for various reasons: composition of the scientific council with respect to diversity and inclusion, or in case a program leader no longer meets the requirements for a program leader listed above.

## **5. TI Honorary Fellow**

TI grants Honorary Fellowships to honor respected researchers who have contributed extraordinarily to the development and growth of TI as a research institute.

### **Criteria**

Honorary fellows are:

- highly qualified researchers;
- who have made extraordinary contributions to the development and growth of TI as a reputable research institute.

### **Tasks**

Honorary Fellows are:

- expected to positively contribute to the reputation of TI;
- may provide (solicited and unsolicited) advice to the General Director on any aspect they deem relevant to TI.

### **Benefits**

Honorary Fellows will be kept informed about major TI activities, issues and achievements and will be invited to major TI activities and events.

## 6. Academic Integrity and Research Data Management

TI fellows are an example for students and hold high standards regarding academic integrity. Therefore, TI expects its fellows to follow the general principles of professional academic practice at all times, and to adhere to the Academic Integrity guidelines of their own School, the Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity ([Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity 2018.pdf \(vsnu.nl\)](#)), and the [European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#) ([https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/european-code-of-conduct-for-research-integrity\\_horizon\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/european-code-of-conduct-for-research-integrity_horizon_en.pdf)).

In case of violations of this Code by any of its fellows, it is up to the board of TI to decide upon disciplinary measures. These measures can include, but are not restricted to, withdrawal of the TI fellowship and its privileges.

The guidelines for research data management are evolving. TI Fellows will strive to follow the FAIR guidelines (<https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles/>) that aim to improve the findability, accessibility, interoperability and reuse of digital assets.

## 7. Deviations from the regulations

A Board consisting of the three Vice Deans of Research of the three schools decides on deviations from the rules laid down in this fellow charter in order to retain fellows who contribute strongly to TI and its mission.



## Appendix I Publication requirements TI research fellowship

TI research fellows are active researchers with an excellent international reputation, as evidenced by recently published high-quality papers, highly cited papers, and an active research agenda. Your publication points are automatically computed based on your research output listed in your university research repository (Pure). Please ensure that all your publications are visible in the Pure research repository of your university, and enclose a link to the citation report on the [Web of Science](#) when you want to include this in your application.

Below the publication requirements are described one has to meet to become a TI research fellow.

### **Publications**

1. For anyone applying for a TI research fellowship, we will compute ‘publications points’ for a five-year backward looking window, based on at least two and at most five publications, scraped from the ORCID website and the Schools’ Pure Database. These publications taken together should yield at least five publication points. TI will take the best publication scores for the period ending in the current or two previous moving windows.
2. Publication points are earned through publishing articles in peer reviewed journals or through writing or contributing to books.
3. The majority of publication points should come from articles on the TI journal list (see below).
4. Decisions are based on articles and (contributions to) books that have been published or of which the electronic version has been made available through the publisher’s website.
5. Publication points are computed annually over a five-year backward-looking window, starting from the year before the start of the fellow period;
6. Fellow appointments terminate at the end of the third year following the final year of the five-year window in which a researcher qualified for research fellowship.
7. For backwards windows containing the Covid-19 years, researchers may replace the two Covid-19 years by two adjacent years of their choice. Researchers then have a window of seven years to meet the fellow requirements.
8. For family related reasons/in case of pregnancy, research fellows are entitled to an extension of the five-year window to meet the threshold for admission.

### **Journal articles**

1. The ranking of the journals is based on the Article Influence Score (AIS), an advanced and robust measure for the average influence of articles in a journal that can be found on Web of Science (Additional Resources → Journal Citation Reports).
2. Articles in the papers and proceedings section or issue of a journal, comments, replies, letters to the editor etc. will *not* be considered.
3. Articles of less than 6 pages will not be considered unless they have been published in high level journals Nature and Science;
4. TI distinguishes between journals that are part of the TI journal list and those that are not part of the TI journal list.
5. The **TI journal list** consists of
  - all peer reviewed journals that are part of the subject categories “Economics” and “Business, Finance” as published [here](#);
  - selected journals in Marketing, Management and Data Science (see Appendix II);
6. A minority of the publications points that contribute to the required publication points may be published in journals that are not part of the TI journal list.

### **Score of a Journal and Publication Points**

The number of publication points  $P$  of an article depends on the journal's score  $S$  and on the number of co-authors  $N$ .

#### **Score of a Journal**

The score  $S$  of a journal is determined as follows.

For a journal for which a positive AIS is reported, its score  $S$  for a particular year equals its mean AIS over a five-year backward-looking moving window. Years for which no AIS are available for that journal are not included in computing the mean. The journal's score for that year applies to any article published in that journal in that year.

#### **Publication Points**

The number of publication points  $P$  of an article is determined as follows (recall that  $N$  is the number of co-authors)

$P = S \times (1.25)$	if $N = 0$
$P = S$	if $N = 1$
$P = S \times (1 - (N-1) \times 0.10)$	if $1 < N \leq 10$
$P = 0.1 \times S$	if $N > 10$ and author is first or last on the author list.
$P = 0$	if $N > 10$ and the author is not first or last author.

#### **(Contributions to) books**

1. The score  $S$  of a book is fixed at one (1). The score  $S$  of a contribution to a book (e.g., a chapter in an edited volume) is fixed at a half (0.5). A contribution to a book should be at least 15 pages long. Only publications with a selected list of high-quality academic publishing houses (see Appendix II) will be considered. Book *editing* does not yield publication points.
2. The publication points one obtains with a (contribution to a) book is determined by the same formula that determines the publication points of a journal article.
3. Books and contributions to books may contribute for a maximum of 2 points (40%) to the required publication points.

#### **Citations**

All researchers may partly replace required publications by highly visible contributions to the literature. In the Fellow Charter 2017-2021, older research could meet the criteria with half the required points if they had more than 500 lifetime citations. In the current charter, the Board may allow substitution of half the points for active researchers with at least 500 citations and at least two highly cited papers. Please enclose a link to your [citation report](#) in your application.

## Appendix II – TI Journal List

The TI journal list consists of:

1. all peer reviewed journals in the subject categories “Economics” and “Business, Finance” that have an AIS. These subject categories can be found on the ISI Web of Knowledge website.
2. The Marketing journals that are part of the TI list are
  - International Journal of Research in Marketing
  - Journal of Marketing
  - Journal of Marketing Research
  - Marketing Science
3. The Management journals that are part of the TI list are
  - Journal of Management
  - Management Science
  - Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science
3. The Data Science journals that are part of the TI list are
  - Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series B – Statistical Methodology
  - Annals of Statistics
  - Biometrika
  - Information Systems Research

## Appendix III – Publishers

- Academic Press
- Allen & Unwin, Inc.
- Brookings Institution
- Cambridge University Press
- Columbia University Press
- CRC Press
- Duke University Press
- Edward Elgar Publishing
- Elsevier
- Harvard University Press
- John Wiley & Sons
- Johns Hopkins University Press
- Kluwer Academic Publishers
- Macmillan Publishing Co., Inc.
- MIT Press
- New York University Press
- North-Holland
- Oxford University Press
- Palgrave / MacMillan
- Pearson
- Prentice Hall Press
- Princeton University Press
- Routledge
- Springer
- Taylor and Francis Ltd.
- University of California Press
- University of Chicago Press
- Yale University Press