

OPEN SCIENCE

INSTITUTIONAL SITE VISIT



Utrecht University

The Netherlands

3-4 April 2024



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ABOUT INSTITUTIONAL SITE VISITS

In 2019, IAU launched the Institutional Site Visits programme. The purpose of this programme is to create opportunities for exchange among Members while meeting at a university with an advanced approach to using digital innovations to improve higher education. The next IAU Institutional Site Visit will be held at Utrecht University in the Netherlands from 3-4 April 2024 to discuss Open Science.

OPEN SCIENCE AT IAU

The recent IAU Policy Statement: Transforming Higher Education in a Digital World for the Global Common Good recognises the principles laid out in the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science, adopted by the UNESCO General Conference in 2021. The latter constitutes a normative and legal instrument adopted by the UNESCO Member States and encourages its implementation - in conformity with the constitutional practice of each State - and it thus serves to influence the development of national laws and practices. The IAU Policy Statement calls for universities to play an important role to shape the implementation of the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science across the different countries of the world.

Against this backdrop, the International Association of Universities (IAU) is pleased to partner with IAU Member Utrecht University to host an Institutional Site Visit on Open Science.

Open Science is a movement which encourages collaborative and public research in which findings are shared at the earliest stage possible. The purpose of Open Science is to foster more transparent, collaborative, and inclusive scientific practices to make new knowledge more accessible and verifiable, to ensure more equitable access to science and knowledge, and to enhance international research collaboration.



OPEN SCIENCE AT UTRECHT UNIVERSITY

Utrecht University began the transition towards Open Science in 2017 in order to improve research practice, results, and impact. Utrecht University works to recognize the collaborative nature of academia and to celebrate the contributions of all in this process. The university works across disciplines, departments, and functions in order to instill the values of Open Science at all levels of the institution.

At Utrecht University, open education is the translation of the open science philosophy into an educational context. It involves a few important topics:



- Open attitude as education goal
- Open attitude in designing and delivering education
- Recognition and rewards in education
- Integral vision on educational innovation
- Open Educational Resources
- Training the new generation of Open Science academics and professionals

The university pursues and promotes Open Science in each of these dimensions in order to encourage research results to be utilised not only by academia, but by society at large. Utrecht University believes that Open Science can raise interest in research to include citizens and communities in setting research priorities, to engage them with the research process, to translate outcomes for a non-scholarly public and to participate in public debate.

The IAU stands with Utrecht University in this goal, and we look forward to welcoming Members and colleagues to join us in the Netherlands this spring to learn from the inspiring example that UU provides.

OPEN SCIENCE IN THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands has long been at the forefront of promoting Open Science, a commitment reflected first in the Amsterdam Call for Open Science in 2016 and in various subsequent policies. The adoption of Open Science throughout Dutch research centres and institutions encourages transparency, collaboration, and accessibility in research, aiming to make scientific knowledge freely available to all.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The IAU Institutional Site Visit will provide insights on the inspiring practices and lessons learned from the institution during the transformation to Open Science. This site visit intends to inspire senior leadership in charge of research and teaching & learning to gain knowledge about how to lead transformations that embrace Open Science. The IAU is pleased to welcome leaders involved in or wishing to learn more about Open Science to this site visit.



KEY INFORMATION

Goal: The focus of this institutional site visit will be to show how universities can contribute to the implementation of the principles of Open Science.

When: 3-4 April 2024

Where: Utrecht University, The Netherlands

Opening Speech: Henk Kummeling, Rector of Utrecht University and IAU Board Member

Fees: 250 euro for IAU Members; 400 euro for Non IAU Members

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2024, UTRECHT SCIENCE PARK

Welcome Coffee and Tea

Meet and network with colleagues over coffee and tea

Opening Speech

Welcome words from Henk Kummeling, Rector of Utrecht University and IAU Board Member

Introducing the Structure of Utrecht University

Discuss the faculties, institutes, schools and strategic themes of Utrecht University, as well as a critical appraisal of their development

Open Science Policy

Review the Open Science Policy at Utrecht University and consider how it compares to that at other institutions

Coffee and Tea Break

Network with colleagues over coffee and tea

Recognition and Rewards

Consider how academia can transition towards a focus on quality instead of quantity and how openness in academia should be rewarded

Tour Botanical Gardens and Lunch

Network with colleagues in the Botanical Gardens at Utrecht University during a group lunch

Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Discuss the potential societal benefits of public and stakeholder engagement in academia

Coffee and Tea Break

Network with colleagues over coffee and tea

OS in the Faculty - the UU Example

Learn about how Utrecht University faculty engages with and contributes to Open Science



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Conclusions Day One

Discuss the key takeaways from the first day of this institutional site visit

Dinner

THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2024, UTRECHT CITY CENTER

Coffee and Tea

Network with colleagues over coffee and tea

Open Education and Open Educational Resources

Gain insight on UU's idea of open education as the translation of the open science philosophy into an educational context

Coffee with OS Expert

Meet with experts on IP & Open Science and Open Science & Knowledge Security over coffee and tea

Open Access

Learn how UU aligns its goals with the national and institutional policies of the Netherlands to achieve 100% open access

City Walk and Lunch

Explore the city of Utrecht and network with colleagues during a group lunch

FAIR Data & Software

Discuss the how to maintain FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) and viable (duly respecting constraints of privacy, sensitivity and intellectual property rights) data in OS

Coffee and Tea Break

Network with colleagues over coffee and tea

Site Visit Conclusion

Share final thoughts and say goodbye to colleagues

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Interested in joining the IAU at Utrecht University for this Institutional Site Visit?

The IAU is pleased to welcome leaders involved in or wishing to learn more about Open Science to this site visit. However, space is limited; we invite you to submit your expression of interest today.

[Click here](#) to express your interest, or scan the QR code below.



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