What I particularly liked about the VU is the personal and professional support of the faculty. You can assign yourself a mentor from the specialists in your field, who will help you design your Masters programme and find your way in academia.” Wouter de Vries, Student of the Global History programme.

You are encouraged to make use of the staff’s intensive network of heritage institutions, governmental organizations, NGO’s, and business partners, to set up embedded research projects as a stepping stone for the next step in your career. We offer a dynamic international context where students from the Netherlands and from abroad exchange views and experiences.

CAREER PROSPECTS
Investing in a research master has proved to be very profitable for our students over the years. You can continue as a PhD student, embark on a career at a research institute, a teacher, journalist, text writer, heritage expert, or an advisor for the government or NGO’s.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must have a Bachelor’s degree in history, European studies, anthropology, political sciences, or a related academic degree. The student should also have a proficient level of academic English, proof of excellent study results (7,5 average) and a clear motivation for academic research.
Through intensive training and supervision you will learn to write a research proposal for (inter)national science foundations, and learn to design and position an innovative humanities research project.

Global History is a specialisation of the Humanities Research Master. For more details on the programme, admission, application and scholarships: Department of Art & Culture, History, Antiquity. Faculty of Humanities

In this course we will unravel the historian’s flowchart by following the steps of the historical research process - from source to public. What are the building blocks of historical study? You will write a paper, take part in public events and train your skills in academic journalism.

In this course we explore the role of public and academic historians in discourses on the nation. With a focus on historiography in transition times, we explore approaches to history through biography, journalism, state commissioned historical research and academic history writing.

If you choose a research course from one of the specialization tracks of the MA History programme: Global Social History - Migration & Mobility - Religion & Society - Cultures of Knowledge - Medical History - Politics & Sovereignty

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This is the first Humanities research design course: you will train to position yourself in the international research field and learn to design and present innovative Humanities research. You will also take active part in the lectures of the Graduate School of Humanities.

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This course provides an overview of the many forms of historical thought in the West. We examine theories, methods, practices, and concepts that historians and social scientists use to explain and write about the past.

All students enrol with a Humanities National Research School at the start of their study. You may choose a selection of courses, masterclasses, summer or winter schools for at least 10 EC - over 2 years.