



The Rathenau Instituut contributes to the public debate and political deliberation about scientific and technological developments. The institute analyzes the consequences of science and technology for society. The agenda of the institute is developed in interaction with the social and political environment. Recently, the institute started to set up a new unit for Science System Assessment.

The Rathenau Instituut is an independent organization, established in 1986 by the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. Administratively, it is part of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The mission of the new Science System Assessment unit is to conduct basic, strategic and applied research on the functioning and dynamics of the science system, in relation to internal scientific and technological changes, and in relation to external societal, economic, and political changes.

The research program covers a broad range of issues, from the micro level of the research group to the macro level of institutional structures of the science system. An important theme in the research program is the development of existing and emerging scientific and technological fields. Although the focus is on the Netherlands science system, the research will generally take an international comparative perspective.

The research program is under development and will be multidisciplinary in terms of its theoretical and methodological approach. Apart from original research, the Science System Assessment unit will offer independent analysis to support science policy in the Netherlands. The research of the unit will result in scholarly publications, but also in publications that inform the relevant stakeholders and public debate.

At this time, the unit consists of four researchers. Three additional positions have now become available for which candidates are invited to apply. In 2006, the unit is expected to grow further to a size of at least ten staff members. Head of the unit is prof. dr. Peter van den Besselaar.

Applications from qualified candidates are invited for the following positions:

Postdoctoral researcher quantitative science and science policy studies

(full-time)

Senior research fellow quantitative science and science policy studies

(full-time)

Senior research fellow modelling and simulation

(full-time)

More information about the positions can be found at <http://www.rathenau.nl/> (VACATURES). More information about the Science System Assessment unit and about the positions can be obtained from the head of department, prof. dr. Peter van den Besselaar, at +31 70 342 15 42 (office) or +31 20 465 00 14 (home), or by email at p.vandenbesselaar@rathenau.nl.

If you wish to apply for one of these positions, please send your CV and a cover letter by mail or email to: Head Science System unit, Attn: Personnel Department, P.O. Box 95366, 2509 CJ The Hague, The Netherlands. Email address: sollicitaties@rathenau.nl. Applications must be received before January 27, 2006.