

Function description

Profile Coordinator 'Communication' Master Biomedical Sciences (BMS)

From / till

Approximately February 2024 - February 2027 (with the possibility for extension)

Short description:

The educational management team of the master BMS is looking for a profile coordinator who wants to take responsibility for the content and guidance of students within the communication profile.

The Master BMS curriculum offers students the opportunity to choose from three career profiles: research, consultancy, and communication. All students in the BMS programme are trained as a researcher, however, with the profile, students broaden their professional horizon and career options. The communication profile contains four courses that are compulsory for students within this profile (students in the other profiles can add these courses as electives). Moreover, communication profile students include one internship of at least 30 ECs (at least 5 months) in their programme that relates to science communication.

The learning objectives of the Communication profile are as follows:

The MSc

- understands mechanisms and processes that are involved in the perception and interpretation of scientific information by lay persons;
- is able to design a communicative intervention on the basis of a thorough understanding of the target group;
- is able to evaluate the effectiveness of communicative interventions.

Tasks:

The role of the profile coordinator is divided in guidance and coordination tasks.

Guidance tasks

- is the first point of contact for questions about the profile and has extra attention for international students;
- guides the student in the design of the individual programme with regard to profile-related choices (courses and internship);
- provides feedback on the profile internship plans and approves them;
- guides the student in solving issues during the profile internship regarding supervision or other matters;
- monitors the students' progress for the profile part of their programme and contacts the student's specialisation profile coordinator in case of problems;
- sets-up and updates the Brightspace information pages of the profile regarding organisation and content or internships.

Profile-related tasks

The profile coordinator

- consults with the coordinators of courses within the profile and with those of closely related courses;
- monitors and promotes the coherence, depth and structure of the profile in collaboration with the BMS Educational Management Team (OMT-3);
- is examiner of the communication profile internships;
- writes a concise evaluation of the profile annually;

- represents the profile at information meetings for new or prospective master's students.

Requirements:

The profile coordinator

- has a PhD;
- has demonstrable experience in the field of science communication (preferably within and outside of academia);
- holds a university teaching qualification (BKO) and preferably a senior teaching qualification (UKO) or can demonstrate that this qualification will be obtained in a reasonable period of time;
- has an excellent command of the English language at CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English, Cambridge University) or comparable level;
- oversees and has access to the relevant networks of potential employers within and outside of academia;
- is substantially involved in the coordination and implementation of education in the BMS master's degree programme;
- is an excellent communicator and student coach;
- is accountable, committed and a strong collaborator.

Compensation:

The compensation is assigned according to the educational resources distribution model (onderwijsmiddelenverdeelmodel). The compensation consists of a fixed base of 35 hours (DBU) per year and an additional variable compensation of 4 DBU per student per year enrolled in the profile.

Application and procedure:

Information about this educational role can be obtained from the programme director BMS, Prof. Dr. Frans Russel, or the coordinator BMS, Dr. David Drijkoningen. Send written applications with (teaching) CV to the coordinator BMS. Appointments are made on the proposal of a selection committee chaired by Frans Russel. Please send applications by e-mail to onderwijsmanagementteam3bmw-mmd.rha@radboudumc.nl.

The closing date for submission is 22 December 2023.