

## **Vacancy: Programme Director MSc Science, Business, and Innovation (SBI)**

The Faculty of Science invites applications for the position of **Programme Director (0.3FTE)** for the master programme *Science, Business, and Innovation (SBI)*. The appointment is for a period of four years, with the possibility of one reappointment (maximum two terms).

### **Role and Responsibilities**

The Programme Director (PD) is the academic leader of the programme and holds responsibility for:

- The content, structure, quality, financial sustainability, and strategic positioning of the programme;
- The implementation and continuous improvement of education and assessment;
- The implementation of faculty and university policies regarding education and quality assurance;
- Establishing and maintaining a Professional Advisory Board.

The PD oversees key annual processes, including:

- The Teaching and Examination Regulations (TER);
- Annual planning and programme reporting;
- The programme assessment plan;
- Midterm reviews and (re)accreditation processes;
- Student recruitment and outreach activities.

The PD works closely with:

- The Programme Committee (OLC) and Examination Board, carefully considering and responding to their advice;
- The programme coordinator and teaching staff;
- The management team of the coordinating department and other contributing departments.
- The PD of the SBI bachelor program
- The Management Teams of the involved departments.

The PD is jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the programme and represents the programme in faculty-level Programme Directors' meetings. For the Master's programme, the PD serves as a member of the Admissions Committee.

### **Profile and Requirements**

The candidate:

- Has a clear academic vision on the curriculum and future development of *Science, Business, and Innovation*;
- Demonstrates strong affinity with interdisciplinary education at the interface of science, business, and innovation;
- Has at least five years of university teaching experience and is recognised as a high-quality and committed educator;

- Holds a Senior University Teaching Qualification (SKO) or equivalent educational leadership training, or demonstrates advanced educational professionalisation (minimum requirement: BKO or equivalent);
- Is preferably a Full or Associate Professor (Hoogleraar/UHD); appointment at Assistant Professor level is only possible with a clearly defined senior career trajectory;
- Is a collaborative academic leader, able to integrate the interests of multiple departments and stakeholders;
- Is familiar with academic quality assurance processes and university educational procedures;
- Is proficient in the language of instruction (English) at C1 level and has at least B2 proficiency in Dutch;
- Is willing to look beyond their own disciplinary background and contribute to the interdisciplinary character of the programme;
- Is affiliated with one of the departments involved in the programme.

### **What We Offer**

- A formal leadership role with significant impact on the strategic and academic development of an interdisciplinary programme;
- Structured onboarding and support within the Faculty of Science and the Department of Physics and Astronomy;
- Close collaboration with faculty and departmental leadership and educational support teams.

The Programme Director is appointed by the Faculty Board following an open selection procedure.

### **How To Apply**

Are you interested? Please submit a cover letter motivating your interest and suitability for this role together with a cv to **Jordi Dahlberg** ([j.dahlberg@vu.nl](mailto:j.dahlberg@vu.nl)), manager of the Physics and Astronomy department, by **February 29th 2026**.