



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM



Subject: Open Call for the 2026/2027 UvA/VU Physics & Astronomy Visiting Professors Program

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the 2026/2027 UvA/VU Physics & Astronomy program for visiting professors. The program aims to attract and support **high-profile visitors** who are accomplished academics with a strong research background, and recognized experts in one of the disciplines that our institutes specialize in.

The candidates should be able to interact with the academic community, and to act as **inspiring role models** to our student population. Visiting professors are expected in particular to participate in activities aimed at strengthening the Physics & Astronomy community in Amsterdam, including joint colloquia, seminars, and engagement with bachelor and master students through informal talks or dedicated short Master courses. Please refer to the appendix for a list of past visiting professors who were selected in previous calls.

We particularly welcome visitors belonging to **underrepresented groups**, who can enhance diversity in our community along its many dimensions. Diversity of the proposed visitors will be one of the selection parameters in assessing the submissions.

The duration of the visit is nominally for 2 months. Longer or shorter visits could be exceptionally considered, but need to be properly motivated. The program will provide funding of up to **€6k per month** to cover expenses incurred by visitors, such as travel to and from the Netherlands, accommodation in Amsterdam, family health insurance, and (international) school and childcare. Upon request, the visiting professor will be considered for a formal appointment on the Van der Waals rotating chair. The host institute will take care of and facilitate the logistics of the visits. If needed, it is possible to supplement the requested budget with funds from other visitor programs (e.g., Delta ITP, QDNL).

We invite the staff of each of the two participating institutes, the UvA Institute of Physics and the VU Department of Physics and Astronomy, to propose potential visitors for the academic year 2026/2027. Please email your proposal to Andrea Baldi (a.baldi@vu.nl), along with a brief motivation statement of maximum half a page **by May 22, 2026**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any question about this new installment of the Amsterdam Physics & Astronomy program for visiting professors.

Looking forward to your nominations!

Andrea Baldi (VU)

Gianfranco Bertone (UvA-IoP)

List of previous beneficiaries of the Visiting Professorship Program

2025/2026

Lars Eklund (Uppsala University)

Anna Kulesza (University of Münster)

Dimitrios Sounas (Wayne State University)

2024/2025

Tannie Liverpool (University of Bristol)

Duncan Galloway (Monash University)

Herbert Dreiner (University of Bonn)

Iain Stewart (MIT)

2023/2024

Heinrich Jaeger (University of Chicago)

Pavel Kovtun (University of Victoria)

Alejandro Manjavacas (Spanish National Research Council)

Chanda Prescod-Weinstein (University of New Hampshire)

Previous editions

Jeroen van den Brink (ITW Dresden)

Vitor Cardoso (IST Lisbon)

Itai Cohen (Cornell)

Rohini Godbole (Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore)

Zakya Kafafi (Lehigh University)

Eiichiro Komatsu (Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics Garching)

Shrinivas (Shri) Kulkarni (Caltech)

Alexander Kusenko (UCLA and Kavli Institute Tokyo)

Doug Lin (University of California at Santa Cruz)

Frederic Merkt (ETH Zurich)

Simona Murgia (University of California at Irvine)

Felix Ritort (Universitat de Barcelona)

Timothy Tait (University of California at Irvine)