

## **Vacancy: Two community and strategy coordinators for VU-UT Impact Coalition Creating Secure Societies (between 0.10 and 0.20 FTE)**

Location: VU Amsterdam and University of Twente

The VU-UT alliance is a partnership between Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the University of Twente. Both universities acknowledge the societal demand for social innovation. For this reason, they collaborate on education as well as research to create secure, responsible and smart societies. Currently, we are looking for two community and strategy coordinators in the Creating Secure Societies impact coalition.

In CSS, we aspire to make a prominent contribution to understanding and addressing complex societal security issues. We connect various social science disciplines with technology and involve societal partners to generate and disseminate knowledge. By collaborating with governments, organizations, and citizens, we consider the interests at multiple levels and aim to move closer to a secure and resilient society (see for more: [Secure Societies | Resilient and secure society \(vu-ut.nl\)](#)).

Over the past few years, our current coordinators have laid a solid foundation and set a clear direction for CSS. They have worked with great pleasure and dedication, and now they are ready to pass the baton to someone new. With a clear path forward and a supportive community and many resources at your disposal, you will have the opportunity to maintain and amplify the progress we have made.

If you are ready to take on this exciting challenge and build upon the work of our current coordinators, we would love to hear from you!

### **Responsibilities**

The CSS coordinators from the VU and the UT work in close collaboration. The creation of long-term objectives and prioritizing of tasks occurs in frequent consultation with coalition leaders Ellen Giebels (UT) and Jacquélien van Stekelenburg (VU). The general directions of the VU-UT alliance are discussed with program managers Maria Mennen (VU) and Amir Ametovic (UT).

#### Community building

- **Interdisciplinarity:** Inspire researchers for interdisciplinary research projects.
- **Stakeholder engagement:** Establish and maintain connections with relevant societal stakeholders, such as the police, ministry officials, and safety regions.
- **Event organization:** Plan and execute engaging and inspiring meetings.

#### Strategy development

- **Annual planning:** Develop a year plan for the CSS impact coalition.
- **Funding advisory:** Provide guidance on and review VU-UT seed funding applications.
- **Educational integration:** Support exploration of VU-UT CSS educational programs.

#### Internal and external visibility

- **Internal communication:** Maintain effective communication with internal stakeholders.
- **Representation:** Present CSS at events to promote CSS initiatives and achievements.
- **Content creation:** Develop content for various media outlets.

### **Qualifications**

- A background in a relevant field for CSS, with experience in research, education, and community building.
- Has a position at the VU or UT as PhD, Postdoc or Assistant Professor.

- Excellent organizational and project management skills.
- Proven ability to engage and collaborate with a diverse range of stakeholders (preferably within the security and/or policing domain).
- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Experience in creating and managing content for digital platforms.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

### **What we offer**

- An exciting role in a societal relevant research initiative.
- The opportunity to widen your network in academia as well as with societal stakeholders.
- Compensation for your work (between 0.10 and 0.20 FTE). In this regard, we recommend you to discuss your intention to apply, in advance, with your supervisor.

### **Application process**

Interested candidates are invited to submit a short resume (max. 2 pages) with a motivation letter (max. 1 page) to Elisabet Doodeman ([e.g.m.doodeman@student.vu.nl](mailto:e.g.m.doodeman@student.vu.nl)).

The application deadline is August 16. We will invite candidates for an online interview with the coalition leads Ellen Giebels and Jacquélien van Stekelenburg. The interviews will take place in the first 2 weeks of September. Starting date: As soon as possible.

Do you want to know more about what the coordinator role entails? Please contact Kim van Erp [k.j.p.m.van.erp@vu.nl](mailto:k.j.p.m.van.erp@vu.nl) or Miriam Oostinga, [m.s.d.oostinga@utwente.nl](mailto:m.s.d.oostinga@utwente.nl).

Join us in shaping the future of Creating Secure Societies and make a meaningful impact on society. We look forward to your application!