



Utrecht University

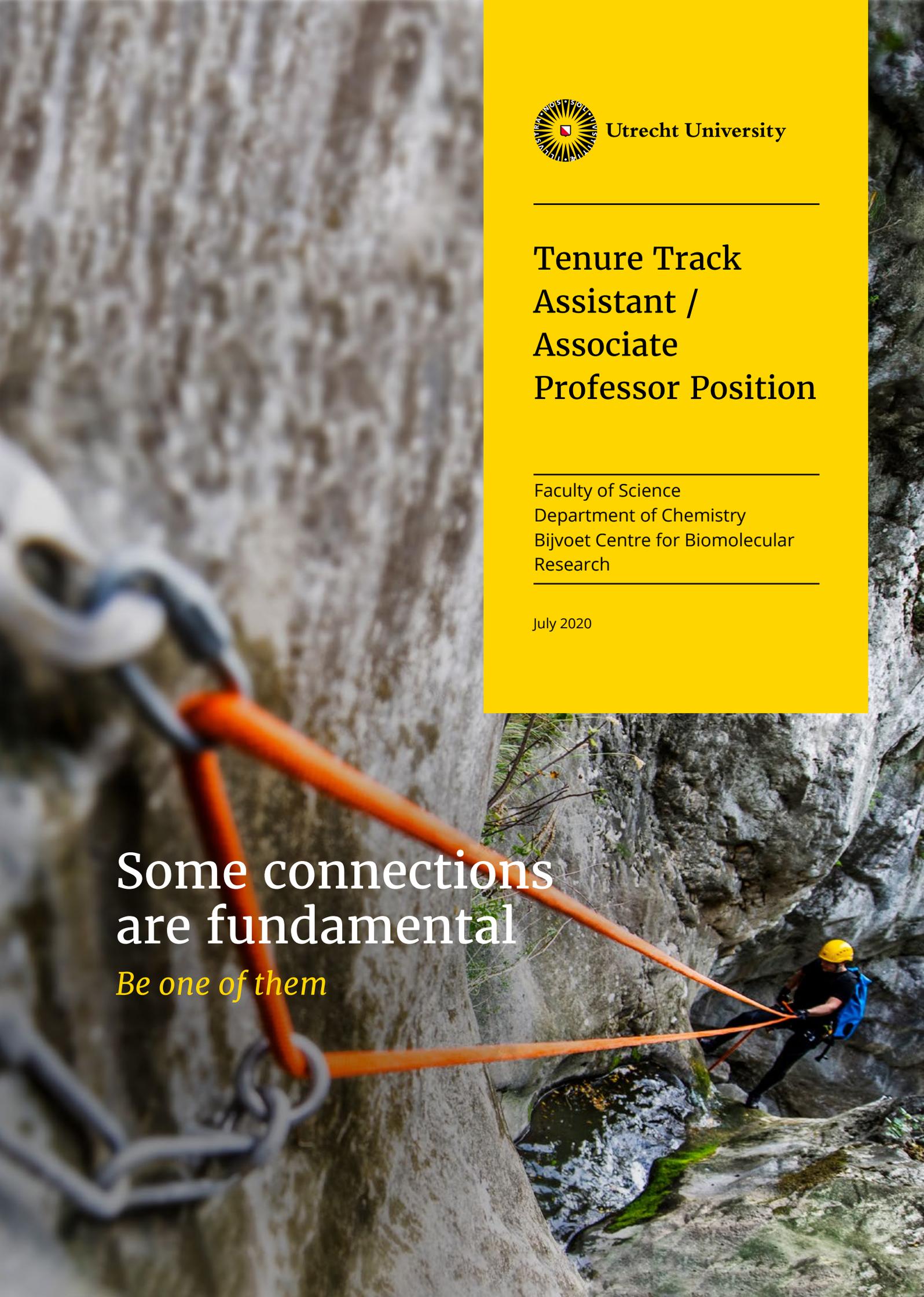
Tenure Track Assistant / Associate Professor Position

Faculty of Science
Department of Chemistry
Bijvoet Centre for Biomolecular
Research

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About Utrecht University

Founded in 1636, Utrecht University is one of the oldest universities in the Netherlands and is amongst the largest in Europe.

Utrecht University is a widerange, international research university of high standing. We have a strong connection to the city of Utrecht and our roots lie deep in the past. Our interdisciplinary research targets four themes: *Life Sciences, Pathways to Sustainability, Dynamics of Youth and Institutions for Open Societies*. We are a trailblazer in the field of modernising educational concepts. Our student pass rate is high. Our teaching and research are strongly connected. We work together in tight communities. We believe diversity is important. All this provides us with a solid base from which to work with others around the globe on the societal issues of the future.



WHAT WE SEE HAPPENING IN THE WORLD

We live in a world that is rapidly changing. Global issues are complex: they are not limited to generations or continents and cannot be solved from one single perspective. Themes such as climate change, distribution of wealth and healthy living require an interdisciplinary approach. Scientific insights are needed to solve these issues.

WHAT WE WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORLD

We are working towards a better world. We do this by researching complex issues beyond the borders of disciplines. We put thinkers in contact with doers, so new insights can be applied. We give students the space to develop themselves. In so doing, we make substantial contributions to society, both now and in the future.

This ambition motivates our scientists in executing their leading research and inspiring teaching. At [Utrecht University](#), the various disciplines collaborate intensively towards major societal themes. More information can be found in Utrecht University's [Strategic Plan 2016-2020](#).

The University is located in the centre of The Netherlands in the attractive and culturally vibrant city of Utrecht. The Utrecht region is among the most economically competitive regions in Europe, and a hub for science, innovation and education.

Tenure Track Assistant / Associate professor position within the Bijvoet Centre for Biomolecular Research



JOB DESCRIPTION

[The Bijvoet Centre for Biomolecular Research](#) is seeking outstanding applicants for a Tenure Track faculty position to broaden its research focus. The Bijvoet Centre's mission is to advance our understanding of life at the most detailed molecular level by using cutting-edge structural and analytical methods in combination with state-of-the-art molecular biology, biochemistry, chemical biology as well as biophysical and computational methods. The Bijvoet Centre is part of [the Department of Chemistry](#) at the Utrecht University's Faculty of Science and is a renowned, world class centre of excellence and innovation in both research and education, fully resourced and equipped with state-of-the-art technological platforms.

We invite applications exclusively from **female researchers** who have the ambition and drive to build an independent research line with a focus that aligns with the research lines of the Bijvoet Centre. You also have an intrinsic motivation to contribute your skills and ideas to our inclusive approach to life and work.

Sharing positivity

Our approach is characterized by a connected, open and can-do spirit that stimulates personal initiative and curiosity. You are encouraged to take ownership and create value while sharing your knowledge both internally and across the wider (global) research community. As an organization we continuously strive to enable this mission because we know it is the only way to make the breakthroughs that will help to solve the challenges facing the world.

A chance to play your part

If you are interested in becoming part of this stimulating and diverse environment, we would very much like to hear from you. As a researcher within the Bijvoet Centre, you will contribute to generating new insights into the dynamic molecular organization of life and creating novel opportunities to treat diseases ranging from bacterial infections to cancer. By shaping your own research line, you will have the opportunity to fulfil personal development goals while at the same time adding to the Bijvoet Centre's reputation of scientific excellence.

QUALIFICATIONS

To become part of our team, we ask that you have a PhD and at least two years of postdoctoral research experience with a strong track record in research accomplishments. You have the experience necessary to take your place as a group leader within an international research and education environment and you have the vision and perseverance to build an independent research line. You will be encouraged to seek funding for new research projects through personal, national, European and other international grant opportunities. You also have the ambition to actively participate in teaching activities at both the BSc and MSc levels. By combining scientific excellence with an open-minded and collaborative mindset in research and teaching, you are able to act as an outward-looking ambassador for Utrecht University, communicating your knowledge to the next generation of scientists and across networks.

OFFER

- a fulltime tenure track position for 5 years, which will be subject to a mid-term evaluation after approximately 2,5 years and an end-term evaluation. When evaluations are positive after 5 years, the position becomes permanent;
- a full-time gross salary ranging from € 3746,00 to € 5826,00 in scale 11/12 at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor;

- benefits including 8% holiday bonus and 8.3% end-of-year bonus;
- a pension scheme, partially paid parental leave, and [flexible employment conditions](#) based on the Collective Labour Agreement Dutch Universities.

In addition to the employment conditions laid down in the CAO for Dutch Universities, Utrecht University has a number of its own arrangements. For example, there are agreements on professional development, leave arrangements and sports. We also give you the opportunity to expand your terms of employment via the Employment Conditions Selection Model. This is how we like to encourage you to continue to grow.

More information about working at the Faculty of Science can be found [here](#).

ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

The [Faculty of Science](#) consists of 6 departments with which you can make a fundamental connection: Biology, Chemistry, Information and Computing Sciences, Mathematics, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Physics. Each of these is made up of distinct institutes which work together to focus on answering some of humanity's most pressing problems. Most fundamental to the organization are the individual research groups – the building blocks of our ambitious scientific projects.



[Utrecht University](#) is a friendly and ambitious university at the heart of the attractive and culturally vibrant city of Utrecht. The Utrecht region is among the most economically competitive regions in Europe, and a hub for science, innovation and education. We love to welcome new scientists to our city – a thriving cultural hub that is consistently rated as one of the world's happiest cities. We are renowned for our innovative interdisciplinary research and our emphasis on inspirational research and excellent education. We are equally well-known for our familiar atmosphere and the can-do mentality of our people. This lively and inspiring academic environment attracts professors, researchers and PhD candidates from all over the globe, making both the University and the Faculty of Science a vibrant and wonderfully diverse international community.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information about this position, please contact Prof. dr. Alexandre Bonvin, at a.m.j.bonvin@uu.nl.

Do you have a question about the application procedure? Please send an email to science.recruitment@uu.nl.

APPLY

Given the composition of the Bijvoet Centre, we would like to exclusively hear from female scientists. If you feel you have the expertise and the experience to excel in this role, please [apply](#) and enclose:

- your resume;
- your cover letter;
- your research and teaching statements;
- a list of three persons we can approach for references.

If this specific opportunity is not for you, but you know someone who may be interested, please forward the link to them.

Please note: Due to the current situation regarding the Corona virus (COVID-19) the process of selection and interviews is subject to change. Initial interviews will most likely be conducted online.

Agency or sales calls are not appreciated.

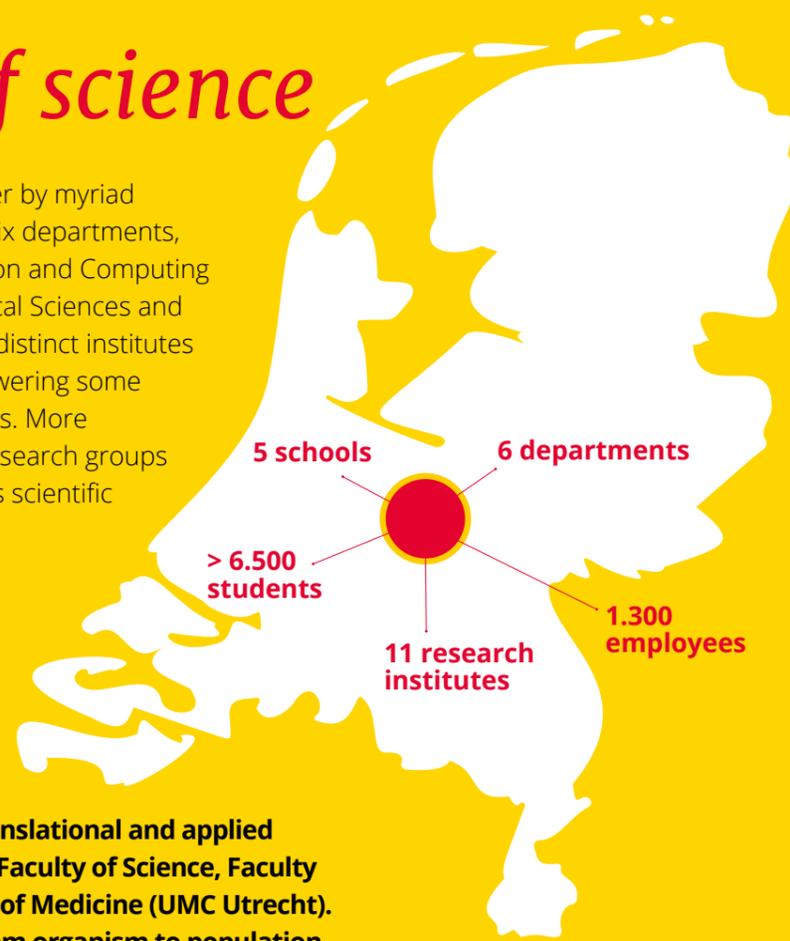
The application deadline is 20-09-2020.

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Welcome at the heart of science

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Life Sciences research in Utrecht is diverse. We drive innovations in human and veterinary health care, with careful consideration of our environment. Our research is interdisciplinary by nature and combines fundamental, clinical, translational and applied research from Utrecht University's Faculty of Science, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Faculty of Medicine (UMC Utrecht). It ranges from molecule to man, from organism to population and from bench to bedside. Our hubs stimulate productive and long lasting interdisciplinary collaborations with public and/or private stakeholders.



Living and Working in Utrecht

THE NETHERLANDS

The Kingdom of the Netherlands consists of twelve provinces in Western Europe (commonly known as the Netherlands) and three islands in the Caribbean. The Netherlands, (also known informally as Holland), with a population of over 16 million, is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system. It is a geographically low-lying country, with about 20% of its area and 21% of its population located below sea level, and 50% of its land lying less than one metre above sea level. This small nation boasts a wealth of cultural heritage and is famous for its painters, windmills, tulips, clogs and notoriously flat lands. Today, international trade is still the main driver of economic growth. Holland is the sixteenth largest economy in the world and one of the ten leading exporting nations. As a modern European country, it preserves its highly international character and is known for its liberal mentality. As a founding member of the EU and NATO, and host to the International Court of Justice in The Hague, the Netherlands is at the heart of international cooperation. Its small size, welcoming attitude to travellers and many sights make it a unique and fairly easy to discover destination.



Netherlands. There are direct connections from Amsterdam and Schiphol Airport (even at night), both taking 30 minutes. The high-speed train ICE to Cologne, Frankfurt and Basel stops in Utrecht and there are also has daily night train (Euronight/CityNightline) connections to Berlin, Copenhagen, Prague, Warsaw, Zurich, Munich and Innsbruck (seasonal).

Utrecht has its own International school – the International School Utrecht (ISU). ISU provides a high quality and accessible international learning environment for children from diverse backgrounds. For more information please visit: www.uu.nl/en/organisation/international-service-desk/international-school-utrecht-isu

Certain categories of international staff (e.g. Researchers) can receive tax exemption on approximately thirty per cent of their gross salary. This is to compensate for the extra costs they incur in living abroad, such as having to rent temporary accommodation, etc. In principle, the 30% rule applies to staff who have been expressly recruited from another country and who have a formal contract of employment in the Netherlands.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on terms of employment at Utrecht University please see: www.uu.nl/en/organisation/working-at-utrecht-university/terms-of-employment.

ABOUT UTRECHT

Utrecht is located in the eastern corner of the Randstad conurbation, and is the fourth largest city in the Netherlands with a population of over 330,000. Utrecht's ancient city centre features many buildings and structures several dating as far back as the Early Middle Ages. Utrecht boasts beautiful canals with extraordinary wharf cellars housing cafés and terraces by the water. As well as the famous Dom tower, the city has hundreds of other monuments that each contribute to the special atmosphere in this centuries-old university town. There are also a broad variety of shops and boutiques which line the canals and streets in the inner city.

PRACTICAL

Utrecht Central Station forms the hub of the Dutch rail network, and is easily accessible directly, or with one change of train, from almost every station in the



EDUCATION

- 7 Bachelor's Programmes
- 17 Master's Programmes



RESEARCH

- 8 main research topics: Life Sciences, Food, Complex Systems, Game Research, Bioinformatics, Science Education, Climate and Energy & Resources.
- 1.529 scientific publications
- 122 dissertations



INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

Your colleagues come from all walks of life: their diverse research and life-experiences inspire you to see the world from different perspectives.

- 30% international colleagues
- 65 nationalities (including guests)

WARM WELCOME

We offer new colleagues throughout the world a warm welcome. We are happy to inform you about living in the Netherlands and help you prepare for your stay. If you have a family we will go out of our way to make your partner (and/or children) feel welcome as well, by assisting in job hunting and providing economic assistance toward childcare and/or schooling.



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