

# **Tinbergen Institute Fellowship Charter 2025-2028**

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## Introduction

Tinbergen Institute is the graduate school and research institute in business and economics, jointly operated by the schools of business and economics of the Erasmus University Rotterdam (ESE EUR), University of Amsterdam (FEB UvA) and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (SBE VU). The mission of Tinbergen Institute is to offer selective research master programs and an educational environment to graduate students and to stimulate research at the three schools.<sup>1</sup> Active researchers of the three associated schools with an international reputation and having published high-profile papers, may join Tinbergen Institute as fellow. This document presents the rules concerning eligibility for the various fellowships and the application and evaluation procedure.

Fellowships are awarded on behalf of Tinbergen Institute and the fellowship program is operated by the General Director. The Board of Vice Deans of Research of the three associated schools oversees the fellowship program and decides in case of disagreements.

This version of the Charter is valid until December 31, 2028.

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<sup>1</sup> Tinbergen Institute contains (1) a research institute for Economics, Econometrics, Finance and Business, and (2) two research master programs: (i) Tinbergen Institute Research Master in Economics; and (ii) Research Master Business Data Science.

## 1. Types of Fellowships

Tinbergen Institute takes the academic life cycle of researchers into account by applying different criteria to researchers at the beginning of their academic careers, at the peak of their careers and towards the end of their academic careers. Tinbergen Institute discerns three categories of fellowships:

- Candidate Fellowship
- Research Fellowship
- Honorary Fellowship

The research of a fellow should fit into one of the research fields that are connected to the research master programs Tinbergen Institute Research Master in Economics (TI) and Research Master Business Data Science (BDS):

1. Accounting and Finance (BDS)
2. Behavioral Economics (TI)
3. Complexity (TI)
4. Data Science and Econometrics (BDS)
5. Econometrics (TI)
6. Empirical Economics (TI)
7. Finance (TI)
8. Human Resources and Organizational Behavior (BDS)
9. Macroeconomics (TI)
10. Marketing (BDS)
11. Operation Analytics (BDS)
12. Organizations and Markets (TI)
13. Spatial Economics (TI)
14. Strategy, Entrepreneurship and Innovation (BDS)

A fellow belongs to one TI research field and/or one BDS research field. A fellow can only be assigned to a research field that fits the publications and research agenda of the fellow.

## 2. Candidate Fellowship

The candidate fellowship intends to include young researchers in the community. Candidate fellows may organize seminars, participate in research events at Tinbergen Institute and contribute to the research master programs, for example by supervising internships.

### **Admission requirements**

To be admitted as a candidate fellow, a researcher should:

- have a PhD;
- hold a junior position with a designated research task (e.g., postdoc or (un-)tenured assistant professorship);
- be appointed for at least 0.2 fte at one of the associated schools;
- be conducting research that fits into at least one of the 14 research fields.

Candidate fellowships last for a maximum of 6 years after the PhD defense. If a researcher becomes an associate or full professor during that period, he or she loses the candidate fellowship. In case of a career interruption, candidate fellows may be entitled to an extension of the six-year period.

### Tasks

- Actively participate in research activities;
- Actively promote Tinbergen Institute and show commitment to its goals;
- Carry out and disseminate high-quality research;
- Contribute to the Tinbergen Institute and/or Business Data Science research master programs;
- Mention the affiliation in publications, CV and homepage.

### Benefits

- Propose and organize seminars, workshops and conferences;
- Supervise internships of research master students;
- Research visibility in the Tinbergen Institute and/or Business Data Science newsletters, websites and social media;
- Publish in the discussion paper series;
- Use of work space on Tinbergen Institute premises.

### Procedure

Researchers who meet the criteria are invited to apply for the candidate research fellowship at any time by submitting a CV to [research@tinbergen.nl](mailto:research@tinbergen.nl). Applicants indicate to which research field they belong in their school, and also which TI and/or BDS research field they want to join.

## 3. Research Fellowship

Research fellows are active and established researchers. Research fellows may organize various research events, participate in research events at Tinbergen Institute, contribute to the research master programs, for example by teaching courses, by supervising theses and research internships, and can be a member of the various boards.

### Admission requirements

To be admitted as a research fellow, a researcher should:

- have a PhD;
- have a position with designated research task;
- be appointed for at least 0.2 fte at one of the associated schools;
- be conducting research that fits into at least one of the 14 research fields;
- have an excellent international reputation as an active researcher, as evidenced by recently published high-quality papers, highly-cited papers, and an active research agenda.

Appointment as a research fellow is based on meeting the requirements for publications as described in Appendix I;

### Tasks

- Actively participate in research activities;
- Actively promote Tinbergen Institute and show commitment to its goals;
- Carry out and disseminate high-quality research;
- Contribute to the Tinbergen Institute and/or Business Data Science research master programs;
- Mention the affiliation in publications, CV and homepage.

### Benefits

- Invite guests and seminar speakers with support from the Tinbergen Institute staff;
- Organize conferences and workshops with support from the Tinbergen Institute staff;
- Supervise internships and final theses of research master students;
- Close contact with excellent and well-trained candidates for a PhD position;
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- Research visibility in the Tinbergen Institute and/or Business Data Science newsletters, websites and social media;
- Publish in the discussion paper series;
- Use of work space on Tinbergen Institute premises.

#### Procedure

Researchers who meet the criteria are invited to apply for the research fellowship at any time by submitting a request to [research@tinbergen.nl](mailto:research@tinbergen.nl). Applicants indicate to which research field they belong in their school, and also which TI and/or BDS research field they want to join. Decisions are based on publications. A citation report may be submitted and is available [here](#).

## 4. Honorary Fellow

Tinbergen Institute grants Honorary Fellowships to honor respected researchers who have contributed extraordinarily to the development and growth of Tinbergen Institute as a research institute.

#### Criteria

Honorary fellows are:

- Highly qualified researchers;
- who have made extraordinary contributions to the development and growth of Tinbergen Institute as a reputable research institute.

#### Tasks

Honorary Fellows are:

- expected to positively contribute to the reputation of Tinbergen Institute;
- may provide (solicited and unsolicited) advice to the General Director on any aspect they deem relevant to Tinbergen Institute.

#### Benefits

Honorary Fellows will be kept informed about major activities, issues and achievements and will be invited to major activities and events at Tinbergen Institute.

## 5. Academic Integrity and Research Data Management

Fellows are an example for students and hold high standards regarding academic integrity. Therefore, Tinbergen Institute expects its fellows to follow the general principles of professional academic practice at all times, and to adhere to the Academic Integrity guidelines of their own School, the Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity ([Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#)), and the [European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#).

In case of violations of this Code by any of its fellows, it is up to the Board of Vice Deans of Research to decide upon disciplinary measures. These measures can include, but are not restricted to, withdrawal of the Tinbergen Institute fellowship and its privileges.

## 6. Responsibilities

The rules laid down in this fellowship charter are approved by the Board consisting of the three Vice Deans of Research of the three associated schools. The fellowship program is operated by the General Director of Tinbergen Institute, who has the responsibility to retain fellows who contribute to Tinbergen Institute and its mission. In case of a disagreement or an unforeseen situation not covered by the rules in this fellowship charter a final decision will be made by the Board of the three Vice Deans of Research.

## Appendix I Publication requirements research fellowship

Research fellows are active researchers with an excellent international reputation, as evidenced by recently published high-quality papers, highly cited papers, and an active research agenda.

To qualify as research fellow a minimum of five publication points is required. Publication points are computed using at least two and at most five peer-reviewed publications in a five-year backward-looking window. Publication points are computed for the current and the previous two moving windows. The highest publication points determine about the qualification as research fellow. In case of a career interruption, it is possible to apply an extension of the five-year period.

A journal article should be at least 6 pages long and should be a regular peer-reviewed publication in a journal on the Tinbergen Institute journal list. It should not be published in the papers or proceedings section, as comment, reply, letter to the editor, etc. The Tinbergen Institute journal list is described in Appendix II. Publication points for a journal article are based on the Article Influence Score (AIS) of the journal as published by [Clarivate](#).

### Publication points and journal score

The publication points  $P$  of an article depends on the journal's score  $S$  and on the number of co-authors  $N$ . The score  $S$  of a journal for a particular year equals its mean AIS over a five-year backward-looking moving window. Years for which no AIS are available for that journal are not included in computing the mean. The journal's score for that year applies to any article published in that journal in that year. The publication points  $P$  of an article are determined as follows

$P = S \times (1.25)$	if $N = 0$
$P = S$	if $N = 1$
$P = S \times (1 - (N-1) \times 0.1)$	if $1 < N \leq 10$
$P = 0.1 \times S$	if $N > 10$ and the author is first or last on the author list.
$P = 0$	if $N > 10$ and the author is not the first or the last author.

### Special cases

- In exceptional cases, at most two publication points can be given for a book ( $S=1$ ) or a chapter in an edited volume ( $S=0.5$ ). The book or volume must be published by a high-quality academic publishing house. A motivated request should be made that the book or chapter makes a significant contribution to the literature. Textbooks and book editing do not yield points.
- Researchers older than 55 years can request to get at most two publication points based on lifetime citations. A motivated request is only awarded if the researcher has at least two very highly cited articles published in journals on the Tinbergen Institute journal list. A full [citation report](#) should be included in the request.
- In total at most two publication points can be awarded for (contributions to) books and citations.

## Appendix II – Tinbergen Institute Journal List

The Tinbergen Institute journal list consists of all peer reviewed journals in the subject categories: "Economics", "Business", "Business, Finance", "Management", "Operations Research & Management Science" that have an Article Influence Score (AIS). These subject categories can be found on the Website of Clarivate under the Economics category, see [here](#).

Additionally, the Tinbergen Institute journal list contains the following journals:

- Annals of Statistics
- Biometrika
- Information Systems Research
- Journal of the American Statistical Association
- Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series B – Statistical Methodology

A request can be made to also consider articles published in journals that are not on the Tinbergen Institute journal list. In that case it should be motivated that the publication makes a contribution to the research field of the research fellow. Only a minority of all publication points can be collected from publications in journals that are not on the Tinbergen Institute journal list.