

Research Internship: Harmonizing Migrant Surveys for the Integrated Migrant Panel Dataset (IMPD)

NIDI – Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, The Hague

We are looking for a Research Master's student for a 1–3 month internship to contribute to an innovative data infrastructure project at NIDI. The project builds a new migrant panel by integrating data from several national migrant surveys conducted since 1988 with register data, creating the first nationally representative, longitudinal, and publicly accessible panel dataset on migrant groups in the Netherlands. The resulting Integrated Migrant Panel Dataset (IMPD) will enable researchers to study social, cultural, and socioeconomic dimensions of migrant integration over time — including cohort analyses that have so far rarely been possible.

Main tasks

The intern will work on two core tasks. First, harmonizing migrant surveys: ensuring that variables across the different survey waves are made comparable by aligning codings, variable names, and answer categories into one integrated dataset. Second, studying design effects: systematically examining how differences in question wording and response categories across surveys may affect substantive results.

Requirements

We are looking for a student enrolled in a Research Master's program in sociology or a related social science. Native-level proficiency in Dutch is required, as all survey questionnaires and documentation are in Dutch. Experience with quantitative data management (e.g., in Stata, R) is a strong advantage.

Research team

The intern will be integrated in the NIDI ‘migrant panel’ team, working closely with Dr. Stefano Cellini, Prof. Matthijs Kalmijn, and Prof. Frank van Tubergen.

How to apply

Send a motivation letter (max. 1 page, in English) and your CV to Dr. Stefano Cellini at cellini@nidi.nl. The application deadline is **April 20, 2026**.