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The ROSANNA Fund for Women supports talented women students and researchers in their career at Utrecht University.

The fund offers financial assistance to help them realize their academic ambitions of the next professional step. The ROSANNA Fund for Women yearly awards several short scholarships with a maximum of 5.000 euros for example for tuition fees, travel costs, study visits abroad or support to finish a PhD. The growing number of applications shows that the need for financial support for talented women students and researchers is still quite high.

(RIGHT) THE COMMUNITY OF WOMEN WHO ARE SUPPORTED BY ROSANNA FUND IS GROWING EVERY YEAR.



Atefeh Cheheli Sobi

“As a political refugee I really wanted to pursue my studies in mathematics, but I could not afford the tuition fees, the books and travel costs. The financial support was more than welcome, but especially the realization that there are people who support you. That was heartening!”



Matija Kajić

“The ROSANNA Fund makes higher education accessible to young women who would otherwise not have the chance to do so. I have used the financial support to obtain my Master’s degree in Law, after which I acquired a PhD position at Utrecht University. I am just so happy with that!”



Tagrid Dinar

“When I came to the Netherlands as a political refugee, I was a 33-year-old single woman who had left everything behind. I had no doubt that I wanted to continue studying veterinary epidemiology, but how? Thanks to the financial support of, among others, the ROSANNA Fund, I have succeeded in obtaining my Master’s degree. But the most important thing is the feeling that I am not alone; that we all do it together!”



Annemarie Prins

“Thanks to the ROSANNA grant I can finally see light at the end of the tunnel, because I am temporarily relieved from teaching so that I can finish my PhD dissertation!”



“As students and intellectuals we were active in the women’s movement of the seventies and eighties. We were carried by history. Now it is our turn to help the next generation of promising women scholars.”

— ROSI BRAIDOTTI & ANNEKE SMELIK

International Women’s Day

The yearly award ceremony of the scholarships of the ROSANNA Fund for Women is part of the celebration of International Women’s Day, on or around 8 March, in the beautiful University Hall of Utrecht University. During this inspiring and festive event a scholar or writer gives a lecture, followed by the awarding of the scholarships to this year’s winners. Former ROSANNA scholarship winners testify to the importance of financial support for their academic career during a round table discussion.

Check uu.nl/agenda for the exact date in early March and come and attend!

Rosi Braidotti is Distinguished University Professor and founding director of the Centre for the Humanities at Utrecht University (2007-2016). As Professor of Women’s Studies (1988-2005) she has always been highly committed to the advancement of women. Her books offer insight into the complexity of contemporary society and inspire readers to commit to socially sustainable systems.

Anneke Smelik is an alumna of Film Studies at Utrecht University. She is professor of Visual Culture at the Radboud University Nijmegen, where she researches the relation between fashion, technology and sustainability. She is inspired by western Buddhism to create spiritual values both in research and in daily life.

Utrecht University Fund

The Utrecht University Fund aims to create awareness and involvement amongst students, university staff, alumni and the city of Utrecht.

Founded in 1886 and therefore the oldest of its kind in the Netherlands, the fund supports student activities, preserves academic heritage and enables education and research for which government funding is lacking. The help of many volunteers and the financial support of more than 12,000 friends and donors are indispensable. With your contribution to the Utrecht University Fund you support the fund's mission: to promote the growth and prosperity of the Utrecht University community. By donating to science you ultimately contribute to a better future.

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