



NISIS MEMBERSHIP: REGULATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

REGULATIONS

NISIS junior membership

1. PhD candidates and research master students doing research on Islam and Muslim societies may apply for NISIS membership, provided they satisfy the criteria as set out in article 2 and 3 of these regulations.
2. PhD candidates must be formally enrolled in a PhD programme at one of the partner universities of NISIS. Candidates employed as PhD researcher or scholarship-funded PhD researchers qualify as such. Externally or self-funded candidates qualify as well, provided that the supervisor confirms that the candidate has the expertise to participate in the NISIS training programme. Research master students must be enrolled in a Research Master programme at one of the partner universities of NISIS. NISIS PhD candidates, research master students, and their supervisors are expected to include the NISIS training programme in their research workplan.
3. NISIS junior members are admitted to all NISIS activities by default. Although NISIS strives to facilitate participation as much as possible, participants in NISIS activities do not automatically qualify for travel or other logistic support. In case of a limited number of participants, a selection will take place.
4. NISIS offers its junior members the study credits (ECTS) they are required to obtain in their study programme, as much as is institutionally possible. In order to ensure this, NISIS offers a minimum of 12 ECTS a year.
5. PhD candidates and research master students of other national research schools may participate in the NISIS training programme without paying a participation fee. Travel and other logistic expenses are not covered by NISIS.
6. PhD candidates and Research Master students who are not funded and/or not registered at another national research schools have to pay a fee of €50 per ECTS.
7. Participants who want to attend a NISIS event can be asked to pay a fee that will cover their lunch, drinks and additional conference costs.

NISIS senior membership

8. NISIS senior membership is available for researchers with a position at one of the partner universities of NISIS, who hold a doctorate and who conduct research on Islam and Muslim societies. NISIS senior membership is also open to independent scholars holding a doctorate, who can provide proof of active research in the field. Candidates can apply for senior membership by sending a request to the programme coordinator/executive manager of NISIS. The NISIS director and chair of the NISIS board decide on admission.

INSTITUTIONS

NISIS board

The NISIS board, represented by its chair, supervises the NISIS training program, including its examination procedures. The NISIS board also monitors the admission of NISIS junior and senior members, and advises the NISIS director on which activities should be included in the NISIS training programme. The NISIS board, during its meetings, also confers with the chair of the Junior Council on all NISIS activities.

The NISIS Junior Council

The NISIS Junior Council is appointed by the NISIS director in consultation with the NISIS board. The NISIS Junior Council consists of at least two PhD candidates or research master students who advise the NISIS director and NISIS board on all matters relevant for junior NISIS members. The Junior Council meets at least once a year, preferably during one of the activities of the NISIS Training Programme. The Junior Council elects a chair, who is present at the NISIS board meetings. The names of the Junior Council members can be found on the NISIS website.

NISIS programme coordinator/executive manager

The NISIS programme coordinator/executive manager together with the NISIS director, is responsible for the planning and organisation of the NISIS training programme. The NISIS programme coordinator/executive manager is the first point of call for NISIS junior members in all matters related to NISIS activities.

NISIS confidential advisor

The NISIS director, in consultation with the NISIS programme coordinator/executive manager, appoints a confidential advisor, who advises NISIS junior members who encounter problems related to the NISIS training programme. It should be noted that the NISIS confidential advisor cannot mediate in problems related to individual research projects. In case of problems that affect individual research projects the first persons to

talk to are the NISIS junior members' own supervisor and/or the department/faculty research officer, followed by the academic director of the department or the confidential advisor of the local graduate school.