

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Postdoctoral Researcher (0,8 FTE)

The Roosevelt Institute for American Studies (RIAS) is pleased to announce a vacancy for a postdoctoral researcher (0,8 FTE) in American history for a period of two years.

The Roosevelt Institute for American Studies (RIAS) is a vibrant research institute with a strategic partnership with Leiden University. The most prominent archive and research institute in American Studies in the Netherlands, the RIAS is committed to facilitating and developing academic research and public understanding of US history and transatlantic relations broadly defined.

The new postdoctoral researcher is invited to do research and work on an academic publication at the RIAS on any aspect of American history, from the colonial period to the contemporary era. Priority is given to research that falls within one or more of the institute's main research profiles:

- slavery & civil rights;
- environmental history;
- transatlantic relations; and
- 20th-century presidential history.

The postdoc's project plan should include work on an academic publication (such as revising their dissertation into a book or writing one or more scholarly articles) and/or an application for a major research funding program (from NWO or ERC, for example).

The successful candidate will be employed directly at the RIAS in Middelburg. The appointment is for 4 days per week (0,8 FTE) during a fixed-term period of 2 years (non-renewable). The starting date is 1 September 2026 (negotiable).

Key Responsibilities

- To conduct scholarly research in the field of American History that leads to a substantial publication and/or major research grant proposal
- To assist in the supervision of student and doctoral researchers
- To help organize academic and public activities (including conferences, lectures, and symposia) at the RIAS in Middelburg

Selection Criteria

- A PhD degree in a relevant field
- Ability to develop original research
- Excellent command of spoken and written English (a working command of Dutch is a significant asset but not a requirement)
- An affinity with and capacity for teamwork and collegiality in an intercultural work environment

About the RIAS

The Roosevelt Institute for American Studies is a research institute with a strategic cooperation partnership with the Faculty of Humanities at Leiden University. Located in the capital of Zeeland, the RIAS is the Netherlands' preeminent archive, research center, and graduate school for the study of American history and transatlantic relations. The institute organizes academic, educational, and public activities aimed at the study of America in all its facets and from transatlantic perspectives and is particularly committed to research that enhances historical themes that affect both American and Dutch society (including slavery, human rights, environmental challenges, and international relations).

More information about RIAS can be found on its website at <https://www.roosevelt.nl>

Diversity and Inclusion

The RIAS embraces diversity and seeks candidates who will contribute to a climate that supports students and staff of all identities and backgrounds. We strongly encourage individuals from underrepresented and/or marginalized backgrounds to apply.

Terms and conditions

We offer a fixed-term position for 4 days a week (0,8 FTE) over a period of 2 years, with a negotiable starting date (preferably 1 September 2026). The starting salary is €4.402,95 gross per month (pay scale 11), based on full-time employment, in accordance with the Collective Labor Agreement for the provincial sector and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Further Information

Inquiries may be directed to the Director of RIAS, Professor Damian Pargas, via e-mail: to info@roosevelt.nl.

Applications

The deadline for applications is Friday, 16 January 2026. Please submit your application via e-mail to info@roosevelt.nl. In your application—in the form of a single PDF file—please include the following items in the following order:

- Application letter (max. two pages)
- Project plan, in which you explain what you plan to work on during your appointment, including specific publication plans and/or research grant proposals (max. two pages)
- CV, including coursework, positions held, employers, publications, teaching experience, courses designed and given, research projects, grants and prizes, etc.
- Two recommendation letters

The interviews for invited candidates are expected to take place in late February 2026.