

To guarantee the quality of the programmes at VU University Amsterdam, the programmes are assessed once every six years by a panel of external experts. The final assessment of the programme is conducted by the Dutch Flemish Accreditation Organization (NVAO). In addition to the assessment, the panel of experts conducts a discussion with the programme in which possible developments and improvements are discussed.

The research masterprogramme Neurosciences was audited in November 2025 and the final assessment was positive. During the development dialogue, the panel and the programme discussed opportunities to strengthen the programme by introducing a computational neurosciences path. The programme management and the staff want to know if the panel supports their new development plan on implementing computational neuroscience courses in the Master's curriculum, and if the panel has any feedback, advice or best practices they would like to mention on this topic. The panel addressed some minor questions but overall supported the proposal of adding a new computational neurosciences study path to the current curriculum.