

The Fryske Akademy and the Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic (ASNAC) at the University of Cambridge are offering a

ONE-YEAR POSTDOC FELLOWSHIP

0,8-1,0 fte, starting September 2026

The postdoctoral fellow will be expected to further develop and conduct their own research project on relations between Frisia and Britain, Ireland and/or Scandinavia during the early Middle Ages (c. 400–1100), with reference to history, archaeology, literature, language or a combination of disciplinary approaches. They will have the unique opportunity to develop their research in line with the expertise in both institutions, which should result in one form of publication or presentation and a follow-up application. They will enjoy the support of a mentor from each institution. We expect candidates to work independently, but have at least two meetings with both supervisors, one in Leeuwarden and one in Cambridge.

As part of the fellowship, the fellow is asked to organize or participate in at least one academic event at one or both institutions. This could be a (public) lecture or workshop or the like. The fellow is expected to deliver the outcomes as described in an agreed workplan, including the publication/presentation and the follow-up application.

The fellowship will be awarded for one year starting September 2026 and will be based at the Fryske Akademy, where the successful candidate will be employed. The fellowship includes a three-month visiting fellowship at the department of ASNAC.

Eligibility

- Candidates need to hold a PhD before the fellowship start date.
- Candidates need to be fluent in English. Skills in Dutch and/or Frisian are a bonus.
- We are open to all nationalities, as long as you are eligible to work in the Netherlands and to spent 3 months in the United Kingdom.

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Terms and conditions

- An employment contract for 12 months, 0,8-1 fte as preferred.
- The employment and salaries at the Fryske Akademy fall under Dutch Law and the CLA (in Dutch: CAO) UNL.
- Salary based on scale 11 (Researcher 3), with the range of €4.728 - €6.433 gross per month based on fte and experience.
- This also includes a year-end bonus, holiday allowance, and a good pension accrual.
- Support in securing housing during the 3-month Cambridge visit.
- You will get the opportunity to work from a beautiful workplace in the city centre of Leeuwarden (Netherlands).

More information?

If you would like more information about this fellowship, you can contact Prof Nelleke Ijssennagger-van der Pluijm, via email (nijssennagger@fryske-akademy.nl) or by phone (reception: +31 58 213 14 14).

Interested?

Candidates are invited to submit their application before June 28th, 2026. Please send your application to wurkje@fryske-akademy.nl, with the subject line 'Fellowship 2026'.

The application consists of:

- Covering letter.
- CV (max. 4 pages).
- Research proposal (max. 1500 words) setting out the intended topic within the parameters outlined above and including a feasible workplan with milestones, a description of how this project ties in with the research at both institutions, and what the intended outcomes will be (including at least one publication or presentation and a follow-up application).

We also ask for a reference letter from an academic referee with contact details sent directly to wurkje@fryske-akademy.nl. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview in person (preferred) or online in week 27.

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