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**Erasmus  
University  
Rotterdam**



Dear student,

Congratulations! You have accepted a place in our Nanobiology Bachelor's degree programme starting in September.

With this letter we would like to inform you about programme specific and practical information. For general guidelines, and university wide information and regulations, we refer you to [TU Delft website](#).

The start of the academic year will be different due to the unusual circumstances and restrictions we all have to deal with because of COVID-19. Both TU Delft and Erasmus Medical Centre are working hard to make sure that all education can be offered in the best way possible. Most education will happen online, but we will also offer some on-campus education. We are working hard to provide a timetable as soon as possible.

To help you find your way around the university, take a look at the [StudyStart website](#) and [the student portal](#); it tells you all about timetables, university ID card, book sales, support with your studies and other important information concerning the start of your programme.

Most information found at the above mentioned website concerns TU Delft. A great deal of information about Erasmus University Rotterdam and Rotterdam itself can be found [here](#).

### **Enrolling for the Nanobiology programme**

#### *Payment of tuition fees to TU Delft*

You should **only enrol and pay tuition fees to TU Delft**, as it has been designated as the coordinating university. You will only be enrolled if you comply with all the admission requirements and if TU Delft has accepted the payment authorisation. You can find more information about enrolment here: [Central Student Administration](#)

#### *Proof of enrolment*

When you have fully enrolled and meet all the admission requirements and arranged your payment in time, you can download [a digital Proof of Enrolment](#) for TU Delft. You will need your NetID to log on to Osiris. You will also receive a proof of enrolment document from EUR and a student ID card. Read more about it [here](#).

## Introduction period and activities

The introduction to your new studies will consist of several components, starting mid-August.

- **OWee:** TU Delft's introduction week, consisting of an online programme (August 14-16) and a 'physical' day on August 20. Find all details on the OWee [here](#).
- **IntroN:** Introduction event organised by our student association S.V.N.B. Hooke (online, August 21 and 22). Please find attached a message from S.V.N.B. Hooke about IntroN.

We strongly recommend to join both OWee and IntroN, as this will be the time to get to know the Nanobiology programme, as well as your fellow students. We are all working hard to make the introduction programmes engaging and fun for all students.

### Mentor groups

All first year students will be placed in mentor groups of 10 students, guided by two mentors. The mentors (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year Nanobiology students) can help you with all kinds of questions and will help you to get to know your way around TU Delft and Erasmus MC. These mentors will also be present during OWee and IntroN. You and your mentor group will meet on a regular basis during at least the first semester.

### *Introduction week Rotterdam | Eurekaweek*

The Eurekaweek is the introduction week for new students of Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR). During the Eurekaweek all the groups have two guides who take them around the city and guide them through the activities. You can find all relevant information about this week [here](#).

### *International students*

The TU Delft International Office will inform international students. As an international student you will also need to arrange some formal and/or practical matters. You will have the opportunity to arrange most of these matters before you start your studies. You will be informed about the possibilities and support on this matter through Osiaan (your online Osiris application). Should you have any questions, please email [contactcentre-esa@tudelft.nl](mailto:contactcentre-esa@tudelft.nl)

## Start of the academic year

The first two days of the academic year, August 31 and September 1, are all about introduction to the Nanobiology programme and studying in Delft and Rotterdam. The programme will be a mixture of online and on-campus activities, including lectures and interactive sessions.

### *Introduction day 1 | Monday August 31 | Rotterdam*

The first introduction day will take place in the Erasmus MC in Rotterdam. We expect you to be physically present. You will meet the team and start with your first course, Introduction to Nanobiology by Claire Wyman. We are also planning for you to meet your mentor and mentor group that day. We will send you the detailed programme and location of this day by email at the end of August.

### *Introduction day 2 | Tuesday September 1*

The second introduction day focusses on Delft and will be fully online. We will send you the detailed programme of this day by email at the end of August.

## Second Zoom session: Monday July 27

On Monday July 27, 15:00-16:00 (CET) we will organize [another Zoom information and Q&A session](#). We will update you on relevant matters and introduction days. You will also get the chance to ask any questions you might have. We're looking forward to seeing you all again online, from all parts of the world. So please, save the date!

## Student support and guidance

### *Academic Counsellor*

The academic counsellor, Tanja Hilkhuijsen, can help you with all your study-related questions and problems that may influence your studies (study planning, doubts about your study choice, health issues, family matters, etc.). You can contact her via [Stuieadviseur-NB@tudelft.nl](mailto:Stuieadviseur-NB@tudelft.nl).

## Binding Recommendation on Continuation of Studies (BSA – in Dutch: Bindend StudieAdvies)

Each BSc student at TU Delft must earn at least 45 ECTS (out of the 60) in the first year of the relevant programme in order to continue with the programme. If this standard is not achieved, the student's enrolment will be terminated by October 1 at the latest. The student will not be able to enrol for the same programme for a period of four years following the year in which the BSA was issued.

For more information about the BSA, please see <http://bsa.tudelft.nl/> or send an e-mail to [Stuieadviseur-NB@tudelft.nl](mailto:Stuieadviseur-NB@tudelft.nl).

### *Formal advice moments*

There are three formal moments during the academic year when study recommendations are issued: December (first indication), March (pre-recommendation), and August (final binding study advice).

### *Personal circumstances*

Personal circumstances may have an adverse effect on your study performance. If you are affected by personal circumstances you should contact the academic counsellor (see above) as soon as possible. She can advise you on the decision whether to request postponement of the BSA from the BSA Committee. It should be noted that personal circumstances do not automatically lead to postponement of the BSA.

## Practical information

### ICT / software hardware

- **TU Delft NetID.** Once your TU Delft enrolment and payment procedures have been completed, you will receive a NetID from the Central Student Administration. You will need this in order to gain access to the wireless network (Eduroam) and to be able to use Brightspace (see below), Osiris (exam mark registration system and enrolling for exams) and your student webmail. **Please make sure to have your NetID when starting Nanobiology.**
- **EUR ERNA account.** Once your enrolment and payment procedures at TU Delft have been completed, you will be given an ERNA account and password by the Erasmus University Rotterdam that you can use to log onto the Erasmus MC wireless network and your Rotterdam student webmail. **Please make sure you keep this ERNA account, you will need it later in your studies (Medical library, EUR systems, STIP)**

- **Laptop.** A laptop is required for the Nanobiology programme, as there are many assignments that need to be done digitally (such as for programming). Students can purchase a laptop at a discount through [the laptop project](#). You can also use another laptop, providing it is modern and powerful, and has specifications comparable to the TU laptop. For the minimum requirements please see [here](#).
- **Laptop software for Nanobiology courses.** The required software can be downloaded free of charge by all students from the TU Delft Brightspace download page. The packages available for downloading have been specifically made for each faculty.

Before using your laptop for courses, it is important that you test your connection to the internet at TU Delft via 'Eduroam'. You can download a manual for this via <https://www.tudelft.nl/en/it-manuals/> > students > wireless network Eduroam. You also need your NetID (see above) to log on to do this.

- **Brightspace** is the digital learning and communication environment system that we use intensively for course information and timetable information. You will learn more about this system on the introduction day in Delft.
- **E-mail.** You will be given a TU Delft e-mail address automatically. See <http://webmail.tudelft.nl>. You will also be given an e-mail address by EUR that you can use to log onto its systems.

Please note that **TU Delft** Brightspace and your **TU Delft** student webmail are the channels we use to give you important information. It is recommended to have your Rotterdam e-mails automatically forwarded to your TU Delft e-mail.

### Courses, classes and timetables

- **Courses.** You can find all Nanobiology courses [here](#).
- **Timetable. Please note that we are working hard to adjust the timetable to the new situation. This is currently still under construction. We will keep you informed.**

You can find your timetable for the first week via <https://mytimetable.tudelft.nl/> > Add timetable > Programme of study > Type 'TNW-BSc NB 1<sup>st</sup> year'. Please note that the system shows which courses are taught at what times in Rotterdam and Delft, but only in the case of Delft the specific classrooms or lecture halls are shown. For the specific classrooms or lectures hall in the Erasmus MC, we refer you to the link below.

- **Timetable Erasmus MC Rotterdam.** For a quick overview of the modules, times and classrooms or lecture halls that only take place in Rotterdam, please go to <http://asklepios.eur.nl> > BSc Nanobiology year 1. This is still under construction at the moment. For questions about schedules and the Education Service Centre, go to <https://www.erasmusmc.nl/dco/> (in Dutch only).
- **Classes in Delft and Rotterdam.** In the first period of year 1, you will have classes in Rotterdam on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; and Tuesdays and Thursdays in Delft. This may change in subsequent periods. We make every effort to strike a balance in the division of modules between the two cities.

### Books and (online) preparation tips

- **Books.** Books can be purchased at a discount through S.V.N.B. Hooke study association (in the Applied Sciences building in Delft, building no. 58). Please check [their website](#) for further information. For Physics 1B you will need a so-called MasteringPhysics code, which goes with the Essential University Physics book. If you buy the Physics book second hand you will need to buy the code separately which will be more expensive. Also keep in mind that you will need to get a so-called sapling code for Chemistry courses (EUR 25). The code will be offered by Hooke in September.
- **Lab materials.** You will need lab materials, including a lab coat for the second semester (starting February). You can purchase these items for around EUR 60 at S.V.N.B. Hooke study association in January.
- **Trial studying online / Online Proefstuden Nanobiology.**  
You can join the Online trial studying Nanobiology (*Online Proefstudeer*) module. You can use this 'MOOC' (Massive Open Online Courseware) to follow three lectures and perform a number of assignments, all of which are part of the Nanobiology degree programme. Each lecture lasts approximately ten minutes, with the assignments that go with them requiring two hours of your time per session. Further information, dates and how to register can be found at this website [Online introduction Nanobiology](#)
- **Math and Physics Refresher**  
To help make sure you are (still) at the physics and mathematics level we expect you to be, there are online courses to help you.
  - [Pre-University Calculus](#)
  - [Pre-University Physics](#)
- **Open Course Ware English.** Online course 'Self Study English for Dutch Students'; duration is 72 hours. See: <https://ocw.tudelft.nl/programs/bachelor/language-courses/>.

We are looking forward to meeting you and we wish you an unforgettable time during your Nanobiology studies!

Kind regards, on behalf of the Nanobiology degree programme department,

Claire Wyman  
Johanna Colgrove  
Diane Mevius  
Tanja Hilkhuijsen  
Anne Huijsman  
And all the teaching staff!

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Appendix: IntroN 2020 (Introduction weekend Hooke)

