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Subject: Research climate

Dear Colleague,

You have been invited to participate in a study that investigates the research climate at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) as well as the other academic institutions in Amsterdam (VUmc, University of Amsterdam, and AMC). The study explores the *Academic Research Climate in Amsterdam* ([ARCA link](#)).

I endorse the goals of the survey, and encourage you to participate in it. The survey will provide insights into our research climate, and help determine which aspects thereof are doing well and which others may need more attention or improvement. We expect that the results will help us to find effective (preventive) strategies to identify unwanted research practices or possible counterproductive factors. With your participation, we believe we can deliver better support to you as a researcher and work towards optimizing the research climate at the VU.

Please be aware that your identity is well protected. Your answers will remain confidential after completing the survey. After data collection, we will de-couple email address from responses after which email addresses will be deleted from the database before analysis and aggregation of data. It will thus be impossible to trace individual answers to specific items. Faculties will receive a general report where the entity is compared to the total sample, and this report will only be generated when more than 25 scientists from that particular faculty complete the survey. Learn more about ARCA's privacy policy here ([link](#)).

For questions regarding the content of the survey, you can reach out to t.l.haven@vu.nl. On behalf of the Executive Board of the VU, I thank you for your time, your efforts and your participation!

Yours sincerely,
On behalf of the Executive Board



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