



IMPORTANT DATES

16 SEPTEMBER 2025
Al Projects on Marketplace
become available

18 SEPTEMBER 2025
Information Session- presentation
on the AI Thesis Fair, and
project selection begins

18 SEPTEMBER - 25 SEPTEMBER Project selection is open

8 OCTOBER 2025

Deadline for uploading CVs to platform

17 OCTOBER 2025 8:30 - 12:45 AI Thesis Fair!

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QUESTIONS?
ThesisFair-IvI@uva.nl

Session Information

- The slides from this session will be made available to you on the Thesis Fair website and on Canvas.
- We will not be going over your thesis today. A separate Thesis Information Session will be held by your program.
- The presentation will start with information unrelated to the Thesis Fair: LAB42 SME
 Datalab. This is an exciting paid opportunity for students who are interested and have
 time/the desire to do a project unrelated to coursework and the Thesis.
- Is anyone here in their first year?
- Is there anyone here from anyone here from the VU?

Important links:

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Introduction

- The SME DataLAB 42 is part of the larger proposal called The ROBUST Long-Term Program
- At the UvA, the SME DataLAB 42 project will be under the LAB42 umbrella

These are potential side jobs you can do on top of your studies. This is not related to your program, and you do not receive educational credit – just money and valuable work experience.

SME DataLAB 42 Activities

- They will be three major activities undertaken by the SME DataLAB 42 project at the UvA:
 - Datalab Sprint
 - Datalab Workshop (Masterclasses)
 - Data Buddy Project

Data Buddy Project

- Unclear where to start with data in your business, or not sure of a project
- Gather insights on the company to find how they can use data to help solve their problem(s)
- €1.000 for 40 hours' worth of work
- About 8 hours per week for a total of 40 hours across 5 weeks

Masterclass

- Present a workshop (1.5 2 hours) on a specific AI or data topic to a group of companies
- Students assist on the day of workshop
- Provide 1-hour student support after the session (virtual)
- €25 per hour

Datalab Sprint

- Project carried out by a student at a SME/MKB under the guidance of a project leader
- Project delivers a predetermined deliverable; the project is defined data project solves a concrete issue
- Deliverables can trend analysis, dashboard development or even predictive models

Datalab Sprint

- 8-10 weeks
- 6-8 hours per week across 8 10 weeks for a total of 60-80 working hours
- € 1.500 for 60-80 hours' worth of work

Intake Procedure

- Email to show interest and will be added to mailing list
- Apply for interested project proposals through emailing CV and short (1-2 paragraph)
 motivation and 'fit' to project
- Skills and personality fit evaluated
- Administrative process cleared

Contact Info



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What is the Al Thesis Fair

The AI Thesis Fair is the opportunity for you to meet with external organisations and research groups and discuss their offered projects with the hope that you will match with one of them.

In order to participate in the Al Thesis Fair, you must vote for/select projects on the Thesis Matching Platform (TMP). There is no ranking. The order your votes appear are not indicative of first, second or third preference, etc. The project selection deadline is Thursday, 25 September. You must vote to participate in the event.

The voting is just to provide some direction for the day. It is equally designed to give you the chance to thoroughly read and review projects and organisations. You will have the opportunity to meet with every single organisation at the event. Please note that there are no set meetings.

The booths/organisations are split between three separate sections of the KIT, with a total of almost 40 organisations across the venue. Students will be split into three separate groups and each group will have an hour per section. After each hour is up, your group will be rotated to the next section.

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Al Thesis Fair Program – Morning of Friday, 17 October

Registration: 8:30 at the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT)

Open Marketplace: 9:15 – 12:15

Round 1: 9:15 – 10:15

Round 2: 10:15 – 11:15

Round 3: 11:15 – 12:15

Lunch: 12:15 – 12:45

Borrel: 17:30 – 18:30

You are welcome to return at 17:30 for the borrel.

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Thesis Matching Platform (TMP)

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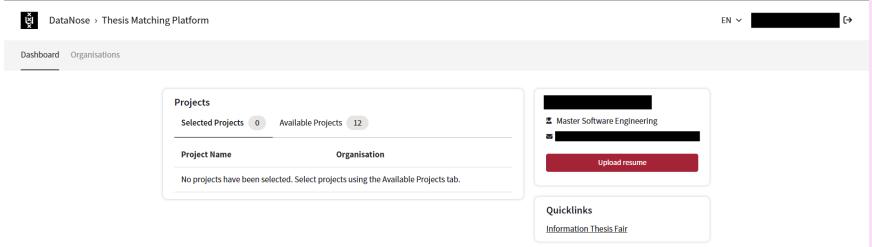
Thesis Projects

- All projects are listed on the Thesis Matching Platform: https://datanose.uva.nl/m/thesismatching
- When you are logged into the platform you will automatically see only the projects available for your program.
- There are two types of projects:
 - o Internal projects with one of our Research Groups (you can filter for these by typing in University of Amsterdam into the search bar).
 - You can contact the researcher who posted the internal project directly if you are interested.
 - External projects with an external organisation (usually matched through the Thesis Fair)
 - Some external organisations are not participating in the Thesis Fair but have submitted projects to the Marketplace. You can contact them directly if you are interested in one of those projects.

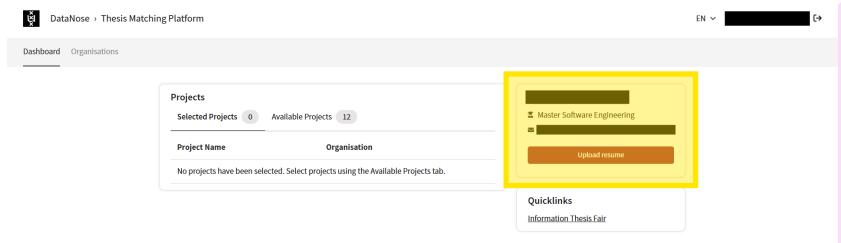
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Thesis Matching Platform – after logging in

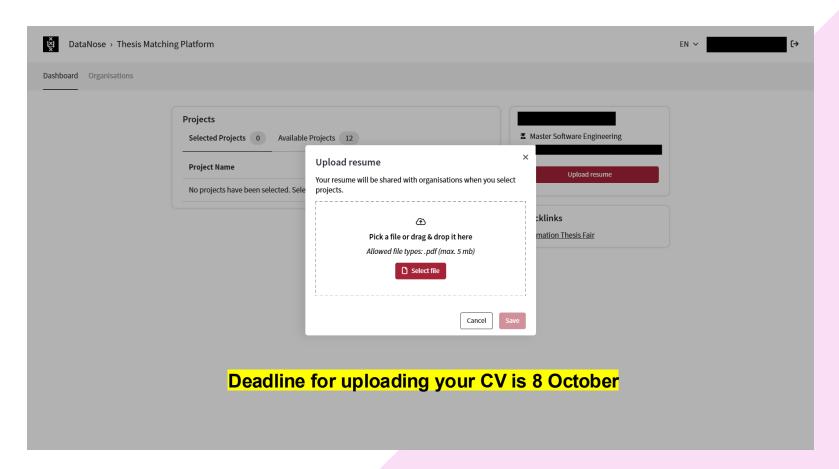


Thesis Matching Platform - Upload CV (PDF, 5mb)

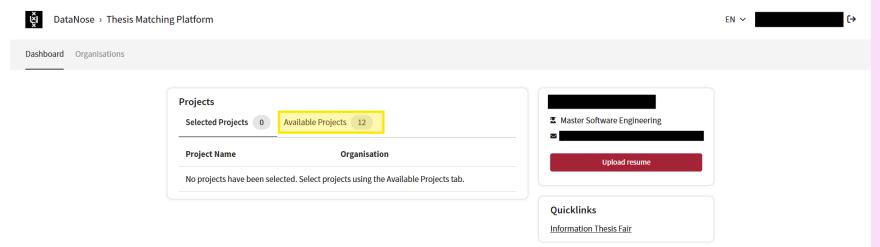


Deadline for uploading your CV is 8 October

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Thesis Matching Platform - Dashboard



Thesis Matching Platform – Available Projects

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	can software development teams effects	Sue	View		
**Auto	mate quality improvements of develop	Software Improvement Group (SIG)	View		
**Mode	el Based Testing of GUI Applications	<u>Axini</u>	View		
**Visua	alizing Formal Models	Axini	View		
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**Test	generation for C++ to Rust Calling Conv	Solid Sands	View		

Thesis Matching Platform – Double Asterisks (**)

- If a project has a double asterisk (**) in the project title, then that means that organisation will be at the Al Thesis Fair and you can talk to that organisation.
- Keep in mind that the specific Project Holder of the project you are interested in may not be at the event. But you can talk to their colleagues about the research themes and what it is like to work/research at their organisation.

This organisation will be represented at the Al Thesis Fair

** Robust Misinformation Detection	<u>University of Amsterdam: Natural Language</u> <u>Processing and Digital Humanities</u>
**/ utomatic Humor Analysis	<u>University of Amsterdam: Natural Language</u> <u>Processing and Digital Humanities</u>

This organisation will **NOT** be represented at the Thesis Fair

<u>Digital Twin for AAV Delivery</u> <u>LYDS AI</u>

Thesis Matching Platform – Participating Organisations

3DUniversum

Abykys

Adyen

AUMC: Biomedical Engineering &

Physics

AUMC: Clinical Neurophysiology

AUMC: Department of Pathology

AUMC: Radiation Oncology (Department of Radiotherapy)

AUMC: Radiology and Nuclear

Medicine

CargoLedger

Cordys Analytics

Datacation

Elsevier

ICAI Lab: OpenGov Lab

Kaiko.ai

KPMG

KPN

Medis Medical Imaging

NEO

Netherlands Aerospace Centre

(NLR)

Netherlands Cancer Institute

(NKI)

Netherlands Forensics Institute

(NFI)

Nikhef

Software Improvement Group

(SIG)

Solid Sands

Studio Automated

SURF

The Police

TomTom

UvA: AI, Culture & Society

UvA: AMLAB

UvA: Biosystems Data Analysis

UvA: Computational Linguistics

UvA: Computational Science

Lab

UvA: Explainable AI

UvA: IRlab

UvA: Language and Music

Cognition

UvA: NLP for DH

UvA: qurAl group

UvA: SIAS

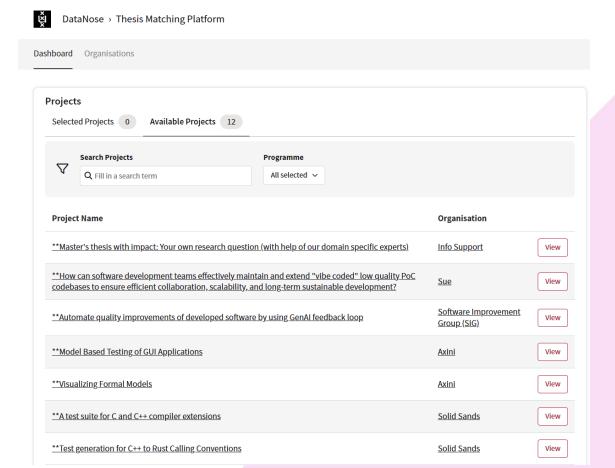
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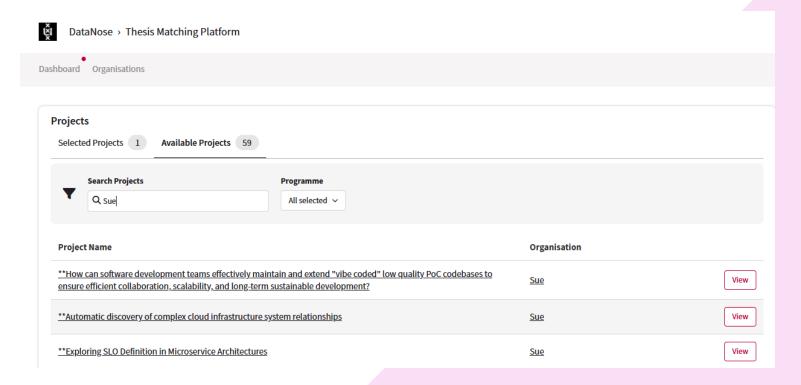
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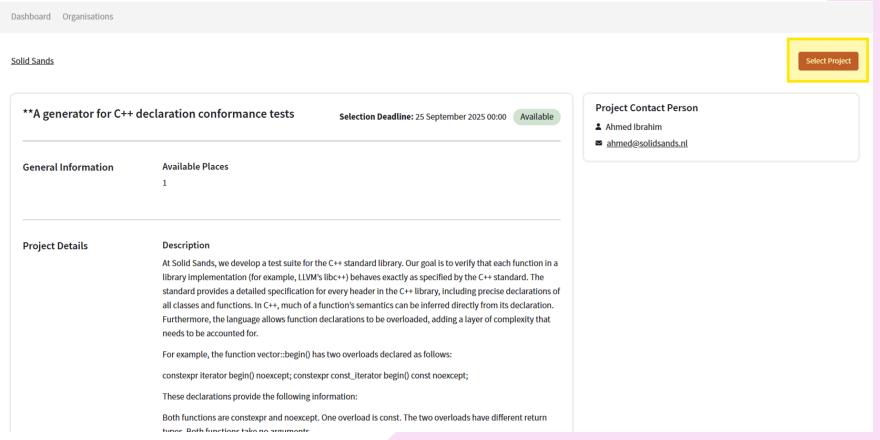
Unsure which project(s) to select? Ask yourselves the following questions:

- What research theme do you like or want?
- Do you like to work in a small or large company?
- Would you like experience in industry or academia?
- Working on a team or alone?
- What kind of guidance do you want or need?
- What kind of skills/expertise do you have/want to develop?
- What kind of data do you want to have access to?
- Does the project require English or Dutch?
- What are the working conditions?

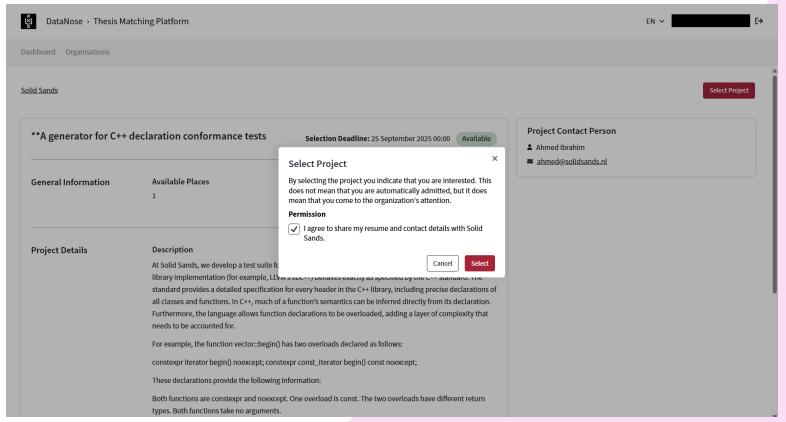


You can search for specific organisations and/or research themes.

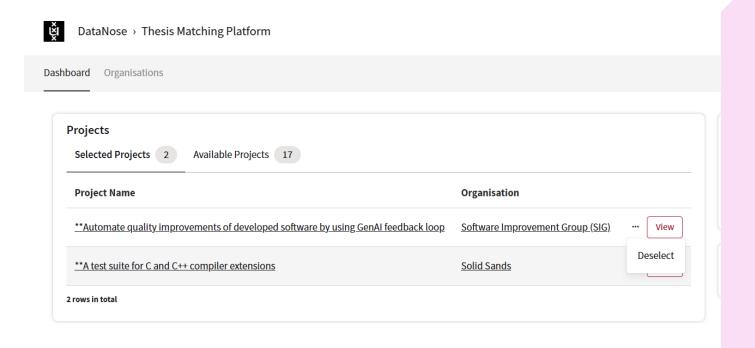




When you select a project, you consent to sharing your profile with the organisation.



Selected projects appear on your Dashboard. You can view or deselect them from here.



Select as many projects as you would like from different organisations. Take a look at all available projects for your program, you may be surprised! There is no limit to how many projects you can select, just as long as you select at least 3-5 projects.

Voting is open and closes on 25 September at midnight.

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Your CV and Professionalism

- Treat it like a job interview
- Wear professional clothes and have a clean/tidy appearance.
- Prepare questions
- Research each organisation you wish to meet
- Maintain eye contact if possible

- Be confident (not cocky) and listen to their questions and be sure to answer them
- Be respectful
- Do not burn any bridges!
 Even if you don't do a project with an organisation,
 there is a chance you will meet or work with some of
 these people in future

During the Meetings

Ask if the representative can see your CV (you should have uploaded your CV to the platform)

- Introduce yourself
- Ask for their name (or look at their nametag) and use it throughout the meeting
- Take notes
- Ask your prepared questions and open questions
- Check your ideas and assumptions of the organisation
- Check if your ideas and interpretations of the project(s)

Agree upon further contact and how to contact

Your CV - What to put on your CV

Basic information:

- First and surname
- LinkedIn
- Github
- Website
- Email
- Mobile number
- Address
- + Program name, how long your thesis is, your period of availability for the project.

Include the following descriptions:

- Profile: Describe your skills, expertise
 and ambition in 2-3 sentences each
- Education: Which schools you have attended
- Work experience: Short sentences with job description and competencies
- Chosen set of courses and research areas of interest
- Internships and volunteering
- A photo is optional but encouraged

Your CV - useful tools and materials

UvA Careers website - https://student.uva.nl/en/categories/uva-student-careers-centre

- Harvard University Careers https://ocs.fas.harvard.edu/resumes-cvs-cover-letters
 - Video on how to write a CV
 - Do's and don'ts
 - Action verbs for your CV

Follow-up After the Al Thesis Fair

Do you have enough information? If not, then do some research.

Email or call the companies of your preference. **Use the agreed upon contact method.**

Make an appointment to meet with them further.

Note: please remember that a contract is a binding agreement. Only sign the contract if you are sure that you are going to undertake your thesis with them.

Internship Agreements - NDAs

Please contact <u>internshipagreement-science@uva.nl</u> for questions.

A detailed description of the new policy can be found <u>here</u>. You may also find a sample internship agreement form <u>here</u>.

- The UNL model internship agreement is established in consultation with the business community.
- It considers the duty of care and educational task of universities, as well as the competitive position of companies.
- The agreement is applicable to all higher education institutions in the Netherlands and is exclusively for internships within the country.
- No additional Non-Disclosure Agreements or other agreements are accepted.
- Trade secrets and intellectual property rights are adequately protected through the model internship agreement and the national collective labour agreement.
- There is a two-week response period for the removal of confidential information in the thesis or presentation.
- If the internship provider does not respond within this period, the internship report may be published in full and the presentation will continue.
- Exceptions to the agreement, such as longer embargo periods or confidential appendices, must be indicated in the internship agreement form.

Contacts and points of information

Questions about the Thesis Fair? Visit our Student FAQs on https://informatics.amsterdam/#student-faqs if you cannot find the answer there, then email thesisfair-lvl@uva.nl

This presentation will be published on the Thesis Fair Student FAQs page.

- If you have any personal concerns or issues please contact your Study Advisor, Cecilia Sigvardsdotter: <u>A.K.C.Sigvardsdotter@uva.nl</u> (only for MSc AI).
- If you have any specific questions about your thesis, please contact your Thesis Coordinator, Hoel Kervadec at mscaithesis-gsi@uva.nl . **THIS IS NOT US.**
- If you still have questions after using these resources, then you can email us at thesisfair-lvl@uva.nl. Please note that if you come to us with questions that can be answered by the Thesis Fair website, we will redirect you back to the website.

Questions from students

Thank you and good luck!