

Letter of commitment on the participation in proposal SMARTHEP for call H2020-MSCA-ITN-2019

The undersigned, drs. B.I.A. van Leijen, Managing Director of the Faculty of Science, hereby certify that the "*Stichting VU*", with business names '*Vrije Universiteit*' and '*VU University Amsterdam*' intends to participate in the SMARTHEP network should the network be selected for funding by the European Commission. In this commitment letter, on behalf of Stichting VU:

Vrije Universiteit recognizes the importance of fostering fruitful exchanges between academic research and industrial applications, in the strongly rising field of Data Science. Stichting VU also acknowledges the importance of offering to early-stage researches a programme in which they can learn the skills needed for our sector, from a rigorous academic perspective as well as for connecting fundamental research with industrial applications.

Stichting VU will participate in the SMARTHEP network as partner awarding Ph.D. degrees in the following ways:

Vrije Universiteit personnel will provide supervision for one ESR.

The participation of Stichting VU in the research and training programme of SMARTHEP is in line with the research work described in the proposal ("part B").

Stichting VU looks forward to participating to SMARTHEP, and wishes to express a strong interest in furthering the collaboration between academic research by the network participants with industrial applications. In particular Vrije Universiteit recognizes that its participation in SMARTHEP will establish connections with European industry and universities which are of interest for the possible future career development of the ESRs after completion of their studies within the academic institutions.

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