

# How do you create social impact?

Join one of the VU  
Dream Teams!

Apply from 16 April to 27 May

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# Develop 'a broader mind', join a VU Dream Team!

At Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, we not only want our students to become 'something', such as an economist, doctor or biologist. We also want our students to become 'someone'. We think it is important that you develop yourself both academically and personally, cultivating the broader qualities within yourself. That is why VU encourages students to think and work beyond borders and in doing so contribute to our world in a meaningful way. This ideology is embodied in VU's ['A Broader Mind for Students' programme](#).

The VU Dream Teams fall under this umbrella.

The four Dream Teams for the 2021-2022 academic year will take on the following challenges:



**Team 1: VU ProFit!**  
For customised  
lifestyle advice



**Team 2: Newcomer  
Entrepreneurship**  
Social  
entrepreneurship



**Team 3:  
Empathische robot**  
Iron Man



**Team 4:  
Planet-friendly food**  
For a sustainable future

## Dreamteams 2021-2022

For the 2021-2022 academic year, VU Amsterdam will assemble four Dream Teams, each consisting of about 12 to a maximum of 18 Bachelor's and Master's students from a variety of disciplines. These teams will independently work on an assignment that is formulated by VU employees and deliver a concrete and tangible end result.

The skills you develop by participating in these innovative teams contribute greatly to your personal and professional growth. Together with your team, you will write a business plan, set up a website, brainstorm with people from various disciplines, and translate your ideas and expertise into prototypes. The team will also engage in interesting collaborations with companies and institutions.

## Dreamteam PULSE-racing

In 2020, the VU Dream Team [PULSE Racing](#) took on the challenge of breaking the world record for FES (functional electrical stimulation) cycling during a bike race for athletes with a spinal cord injury.

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, the VU team managed to win the international online Cybathlon. Athlete Sander Koomen took home the gold medal. He not only had the fastest time but also set a personal record. From his home base, he covered the 1200 metres in 2 minutes and 40 seconds on the FES bike.

This team is still in operation today.

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**Birgit Kaman MA Movement Sciences and former Dream Team member of PULSE:**

"Working within the PULSE Dream Team is a very valuable experience. The translation of theory into practice is educational and also a lot of fun. I'm using my scientific knowledge in a different way, but I'm also learning how to manage and organize a company. PULSE has given me insight into what is possible with my education. I have also learned that it's important to have good contacts within VU so that you become a truly multidisciplinary team—with your manager from the Business Administration programme, a team member from Communication Sciences, and so on."

## Interested?

Would you like to join one of the Dream Teams?

**Apply before 27 May 2021 at [www.vu.nl/dreamteams](http://www.vu.nl/dreamteams).**

On the website, you can also read more about the Dream Team challenges, the recruitment and selection process, and the Dream Team coaches (ambassadors).

In preparation for your application, you can attend one of the Dream Team webinars (on Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 May). You can apply by using the [application form](#). Here, you can talk to the various team ambassadors and get answers to any questions you may have.

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