



# Existential Risk Observatory

## JOB DESCRIPTION: CAMPAIGN MANAGER NETHERLANDS

Part-time (32 hours)  
Amsterdam/ hybrid

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## WE REDUCE EXISTENTIAL RISKS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

New technology such as AI, biotech and nanotech is developing at lightning speed, which offers plenty of opportunities. However, this technology also entails major risks. In the worst case, the uncontrolled development of human-level AI in particular could even become an [existential risk](#): a threat to the future of humanity.

The Existential Risk Observatory has been set up to reduce the chance of existential risks. We are a young nonprofit (foundation) with the aim of reducing existential risks by informing the public debate. We do this mainly by [publishing articles in leading media](#) in the Netherlands and the US, organizing [events](#), and generating [traction](#) for our [ideas](#) in Dutch policy. We receive funding from, among others, the Survival and Flourishing Foundation and the International Center for Future Generations. We have a small team but see a lot of potential for growth. Worldwide, several hundred people are working on reducing (AI) existential risk, for example in [Cambridge](#), [Oxford](#), [Washington](#) and [Brussels](#).

## YOUR JOB

We see a huge opportunity to further stimulate the societal debate in the Netherlands, and to get national policy implemented! To achieve this, you will:

- Regularly write opinion pieces and create media moments in cooperation with our PR professional.
- Put existential risks on the map in The Hague among members of the House of Representatives, Ministers, policy officers and (senior) civil servants in collaboration with our PA person. Our policy goal: Dutch budget to double global research into existential risk reduction by 2025.
- Organize events on our topic, for example in leading debate centres.
- Maintain and expand a network of journalists, opinion leaders, academics and politicians, among others, and interest these people in our subject.
- Ensure that you stay informed about the latest developments in the field of (AI) existential risk, for example by visiting international conferences and corresponding with researchers.
- Contribute ideas about the effectiveness of our communication and our research in this area.
- Possibly manage some interns and/or volunteers. This can grow into a small team.

You will report directly to the director and you will work closely together with him and the team. Starting date is preferably beginning of April.

We see strong growth opportunities in putting existential risks on the agenda. Particularly if this growth also becomes international, your position, depending on your background and performance, could quickly grow into Director Netherlands. Your compensation will be adjusted accordingly.

## WHAT WE OFFER

- An incredibly fun job with a lot of freedom and almost unlimited possibilities.
- You are working on possibly the most impactful issue that exists at the moment, and which can only become even more important in the future.
- We work hybrid: a few days per week in the office/co-workplace in Amsterdam Houthavens (great view on the water) and a few days per week from home.
- We are an important testing ground internationally with great potential for the future.
- You build a highly relevant network of opinion leaders, politicians, funders, etc.
- You learn a lot. If you can start a societal debate about existential risks, you can do this about any topic.
- You work in a small team, where there is a lot of freedom to approach your own work in your own way.
- A salary depending on your experience between € 2,800 and € 3,200 based on full-time employment (40 hours per week).
- The position is in principle for 32 hours/week (four days). There are possibilities for alternative arrangements in consultation.
- You will receive a six-month contract. Our intention is to allow your responsibilities and remuneration to grow strongly after this, provided our funding situation allows this.

## WHAT YOU BRING

- You have excellent communication skills in Dutch and English. You can express your opinion well, both in writing and orally.
- Existing knowledge of, and concerns about, existential risks, especially AGI.
- Preferably several years of relevant work experience, for example as a campaign manager at an NGO, as a consultant, in politics, in administration, in technology (e.g. AI), in the media, or as a public affairs professional.
- A relevant, completed university education.
- You are well versed in Dutch society, media and politics.
- Existing network is an advantage.
- You are not afraid to write to anyone or approach anyone. You can easily use and maintain your own network and ours.
- Management experience is an advantage.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

If this position appeals to you, please send your CV with motivation letter before March 13, 2023 to [info@existentialriskobservatory.org](mailto:info@existentialriskobservatory.org). If you are interested, but have questions or doubts, please contact us at the address above for more information or just to have a coffee.

We look forward to working with you to put existential risks on the agenda in the Netherlands!