

**Nomination form UNICollaboration Executive Board Elections 2018**

The candidate should submit this completed form to: **exec@unicollaboration.org** before Monday 2 April.

All the candidates’ biodata and election statements will be published on the organisation website before the 2018 conference.

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| Candidate’s Name | Sake Jager |
| Candidate’s institution & country of employment | University of Groningen, Netherlands |
| Candidate’s Email | s.jager@rug.nl |
| Please state the position you are a candidate for (simply delete the other positions from this list) | UNICollaboration Secretary |
| Candidate’s bio data (200 words maximum)My main current position is department head and project manager in ICT & Education in the Faculty of Arts, University of Groningen. This is an expert centre serving all the disciplines in the faculty. I also work as assistant professor in the MA programme of Applied Linguistics in the University of Groningen. In EUROCALL, the European Association for Computer-Assistant Language Learning, I hold a position on the executive board (vice-president). I have been managing telecollaboration / virtual exchange projects in the University of Groningen since 2010, most recently in a project which seeks to implement virtual exchange in more than 10 disciplines across the university (<https://www.rug.nl/envoie>). In 2016 I co-edited a volume of papers coming from the 2nd conference on telecollaboration in higher education, held in Dublin in 2016 ([10.14705/rpnet.2016.telecollab2016.9781908416414](http://dx.doi.org/10.14705/rpnet.2016.telecollab2016.9781908416414)).  |
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| Candidate’s election statement (300 words maximum) - Please explain why you want to join the board and what you feel you would bring to the position.My main ambition for UNICollaboration, when we first considered founding a cross-disciplinary organisation, was to help establish it as a professional association. In 2016, as first communication officer I set up the website ([www.unicollaboration.org](http://www.unicollaboration.org)), mailing lists, email addresses and registration forms for UNICollaboration. Since then I have maintained the site and helped colleagues implement the functionality they required (as best I could). In view of my work in the University of Groningen, I particularly value UNICollaboration as a **cross-disciplinary** organisation. In my current role as project coordinator of EVOLVE (Evidence-Validated Online Learning through Virtual Exchange, [www.evolve-erasmus.eu](http://www.evolve-erasmus.eu)), a project which was initiated under the wings of UNICollaboration, it is my goal to develop new forms of online training and ground-breaking research - together with wonderful colleagues who are more experienced in these areas than I am. Since many of these colleagues are also active members of UNICollaboration, I hope that this Erasmus+ KA3 project may provide a boost to our organisation’s ongoing work in providing training and research. The project is also well aligned with UNICollaboration in its mission to bring VE to the attention of policy and decision makers at university, national and international level. As senior member on the present UNICollaboration board, with long-standing experience in project management in HE, I bring in practical and strategic skills which may benefit our organisation. In my capacity of first communication officer I have been working behind the scenes to help UNICollaboration on its path to becoming a professional organisation. We have made a lot of progress, but we are not yet there completely as you will undoubtedly have noticed if you have followed us during the first two years of our existence. But we have made great progress, as demonstrated by our recent successful participation in the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange portal tender. I would be more than happy to continue to serve the organisation in the role of Secretary.  |

**Supporters of your Nomination**

(Two members of the organisation should support each nomination for positions of second officer. Please be sure to consult these colleagues before submitting this form with their names and emails.)

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