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Dear colleague,

You have been invited to participate in a study that investigates the research climate at the University of Amsterdam as well as the other academic institutions in Amsterdam. It explores the Academic Research Climate in Amsterdam ([ARCA](#)).

As rector magnificus of the UvA, I encourage you to participate in this survey. The survey aims to provide in-depth insight into our research climate and to determine what aspects thereof are doing well and which may need more attention or improvement. With your participation, we think we can deliver better support to you as a researcher and enhance the UvA as a whole.

As the UvA Board, we shall take the results of the survey very seriously. We expect that the results will help us to better understand the present academic culture and to develop strategies of further enhancement. Therefore we express our endorsement of this study.

Please be aware that your identity is well protected. As a participant you will not be asked to disclose personal information that could be traced back to you. Your answers will remain confidential after completion of the survey. After data collection, the project team will de-couple email addresses from responses and delete email addresses from the database before starting the analysis and aggregation of data. It will thus be impossible to trace individual answers to specific items. Faculty management will receive a general report in which the faculty is compared to the total sample, and this report will only be generated when more than 25 scientists from that particular faculty complete the survey. This will make it impossible to identify individual scientists in the report. Learn more about ARCA's privacy policy [here](#).

On behalf of my colleagues in the UvA Board, I thank you for your time, your effort and your participation!

Kind regards,

Prof. Karen I.J. Maex
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