

Kick-off meeting | PSIDER

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We like to invite you to attend the kick-off meeting of the programme [Pluripotent Stem cells for Inherited Diseases and Embryonic Research \(PSIDER\)](#) on Wednesday 1 April, 2020. [Click here to register.](#)

ZonMw has been commissioned by the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport to implement a programme on embryonic models and organoids.

Within this programme grants are available for research with pluripotent stem cells to:

- develop alternative human embryonic model systems for research;
- to acquire knowledge for the treatment of serious hereditary diseases.

Call for proposals

In March, ZonMw opens two calls for proposals. One of these calls focuses on multidisciplinary consortia, in which medical and biological researchers from different disciplines and academic institutions collaborate with alpha and gamma scientists. You can apply for a research grant on two subjects. In research line 1 you can submit a proposal for research into serious hereditary diseases (monogenetic disorders). This concerns research resulting in new insights into the disease mechanism of various serious hereditary diseases, which may lead to new treatments for patients. The research uses iPS cell lines, organoids or existing embryonic stem cell lines.

Research line 2 focuses on the (further) development of human embryo-like structures that can ultimately serve as a model for human embryonic development. This includes blastoids, gastruloids or iPS gametes and non-viable embryos that result from this. The programme also stimulates the development of other human embryo-like structures.

The programme also focuses on ethical, social and legal issues. Collaboration between various scientific and social disciplines provides the answers to these issues. This applies to the research in research line 2, which is still in a more fundamental phase. However, ethical or legal issues can also arise in research line 1, for example about ownership of organoids. For projects in both research lines, ethical, social and legal aspects (ELSI) of the project must be explored within the project.

In addition, a call for proposals is published for ethical research into the moral acceptability of creating non-viable embryos for research.

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Kick-off meeting Wednesday April 1 2020

On Wednesday 1 April, ZonMw organises a kick-off meeting for this programme. During this meeting we will provide information on the outline and calls for proposals of the programme. In addition, there is ample opportunity for researchers from different disciplines to connect and to set up a multidisciplinary consortium. Therefore, we offer researchers the opportunity to pitch their ideas for a project in order to set up new collaborations.

When: Wednesday, 1 April 2020, 12.00 - 16.00 uur

Where: NWO, Laan van Nieuw Oost-Indië 330, Den Haag

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