

NWO Talent Programme Vidi 2023

NOTE: The original Dutch-language text of the call for proposals is the authoritative version. Where the English-language text is open to a different interpretation, no additional rights may be derived from it.

Deadline: **2 November 2023, 14.00 CEST**

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1 Summary

Who can Apply

The Vidi target group consists of researchers at the stage of transition to leadership. Applications can be submitted by candidates who have obtained their PhD, irrespective of whether they hold tenured positions and of whether they come from the Netherlands or abroad. Researchers can apply if they obtained their PhD in the eight years preceding this round's benchmark date of 1 October 2023. Extension may be granted in certain cases.

What for

The aim of the NWO Talent Programme is to provide creative opportunities for adventurous, talented, pioneering researchers to do research of their own choice, to develop their own innovative line of research and to further develop their talent. The Vidi grant is intended to fund scientifically innovative research and enable these researchers to establish or expand a research group.

What to request

For an application in this Call for proposals, a maximum of € 800,000 can be applied for. The maximum duration of the proposed project is five years. If the proposed project is of shorter duration, the maximum amount is reduced proportionally.

For more information, see the Call for Proposals Vidi 2023 at [5.6 downloads and links](#).

When

Deadline for presenting project ideas	2 November 2023, 14.00 CEST
Receipt by advisory committee	January/ February 2024
Deadline for submitting detailed grant application	26 March 2024, 14.00 CEST
Referees' comments received	28 May 2024
Deadline for submitting a response	4 June 2024
Decision	End of October 2024
Latest start date	6 months after the decision letter

- An interview is part of the review process for your grant application. An audio recording will be made of the interview. At the end of the review process, the audio recording will be destroyed.

2 Aim of the call for grant applications

Full information on the program, target group, conditions and criteria can be found in the *Call for Proposals Vidi 2023*, see [5.6 downloads and links](#).

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The Vidi target group consists of researchers at the stage of transition to leadership. The Vidi grant is intended to contribute to the further development of the researcher in this area. Researchers eligible for a Vidi grant have academic qualities that clearly exceed what is customary within the international peer group and they demonstrate developing leadership and mentorship qualities.

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3 Conditions and obligations

You must take account of certain rights, conditions and obligations when applying for a ZonMw grant. The rights, conditions and obligations of a grant applicant are based upon the [Dutch General Administrative Law Act \(Awb\)](#). Article 4.2 of the Awb contains specific provisions applying to ZonMw grants. Additionally, [NWO Grant rules](#) apply.

3.1 Conditions

Applicants should submit a preproposal to be eligible for a Vidi. Applicants who receive a positive decision for their preproposal are invited to submit a full proposal. In case the applicant receives a negative decision for their preproposal, the applicant cannot submit a full proposal.

Your preproposal will only be admitted to the assessment procedure if it meets the conditions. After submitting your application, ZonMw requests you to be available to implement any possible administrative corrections so that you can (still) meet the conditions for submission. The [NWO Grant Rules 2017](#) and the Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research are applicable to all applications.

For the full list of conditions, see Chapter 3 in the [Call for Proposals](#).

3.1.1. Who is eligible for a grant?

Applications can be submitted by candidates who have obtained their PhD, irrespective of whether they hold tenured positions and of whether they come from the Netherlands or abroad. Researchers can apply if they obtained their PhD in the eight years preceding this round's benchmark date of 1 October 2023. Extension may be granted in certain cases.

The research will be conducted at one of the following host research institutions. ZonMw requires candidates to provide an 'embedding guarantee' from the chosen organisation:

- Universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- University medical centres;
- Institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO;
- Netherlands Cancer Institute;
- the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen;
- Naturalis Biodiversity Center;
- Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL);
- Princess Máxima Center.

Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.

Additional conditions:

- a. Applications must be submitted by individual researchers (not by pairs or groups of researchers or by research teams).
- b. A candidate may:
 - submit a maximum of one application in the Vidi 2023 round;
 - enter the application process for the NWO Talent Programme for no more than one type of grant at a time in a given calendar year;
 - submit a Vidi application no more than twice. If an application that has been admitted to the assessment procedure is withdrawn by the applicant, this submission still counts towards the maximum number of submissions per applicant, unless the withdrawal is done under an NWO-approved appeal to the Compensation Scheme for Parental Leave or the Force Majeure Extension Scheme.

- c. Researchers who have previously been awarded grants under the Talent Programme (formerly: Innovational Research Incentives Scheme) may not apply again for a grant of the same kind.
- d. A researcher in receipt of a current grant under the NWO Talent Programme (formerly: Innovational Research Incentives Scheme) may submit an application for a following type of grant no more than 24 months before the planned end date of the current grant.

3.1.2. What is the amount of the grant I can apply for?

The total available grant budget for this funding round is € 12,000,000.-

For an application in this Call for proposals, a maximum of € 800,000 can be applied for. The maximum duration of the proposed project is five years. If the proposed project is of shorter duration, the maximum amount is reduced proportionally. Apply only for funding that is vital to realise the project. A more detailed explanation of the budget modules can be found in section 7.1 in the [Call for proposals](#).

Open Access

Costs for publication in fully Open Access journals can be budgeted in the application using the budget module for “material costs”. Costs for publications in hybrid journals are not eligible for reimbursement by NWO. For Open Access books, a separate NWO Open Access Books Fund is available.

For more detailed information about NWO's Open Access policy, see [Open Science | NWO](#).

3.1.3. Practical conditions

Please take the following points into account when writing your application:

- Compose your application in English.
- Project ideas can only be submitted via the online submission system [Mijn ZonMw](#).
 - As an applicant, you are required to submit a pre-application through your own personal Mijn ZonMw account.
 - Preproposals must be submitted before the deadline.
- The following annexes are mandatory:
 - Embedding guarantee
 - ZonMw Vidi pre-proposal form 2023
- The following optional annexes may be added:
 - A literature list of up to ten pieces of relevant scientific literature closely related to your research idea. NWO will use the literature list - together with your research idea, key words and indicated discipline - to search for potential referees for your full proposal. Your literature list will not be submitted to the committee. Save the list as a PDF file and upload it as a separate attachment in the online application system ISAAC or Mijn ZonMw;
 - Non-referees form. You can list a maximum of 3 names of people we won't ask as referee for your full proposal.
 - Extension approval. In case you have been granted an extension by NWO, please provide the approval mail by NWO as an attachment.

If an annex is not mandatory, it will not be included in the assessment of your application. The exception is the optional annex presenting figures and/or tables. This annex will also be included in the assessment.

3.2 Obligations

Obligations apply when you are awarded a grant. You can find these grant obligations in Chapter 5 of the [Call for Proposals](#)

4 Assessment criteria

4.1 Assessment procedure

The application procedure consists of the following steps:

- Submission of the preproposal
- Admissibility of the preproposal
- Assessment of the preproposal
 - Initial advice assessment committee
 - Opportunity to submit a motivated response in case of negative preliminary advice
- Decision-making preproposal
- Submission of the full proposal
- Admissibility of the full proposal
- Assessment of the full proposal
 - Peer review by referees
 - Rebuttal
 - Initial advice assessment committee
 - Interview selection
 - Interview and assessment committee meeting
- Decision-making full proposal

4.2 Assessment criteria preproposal

The preproposal within this Call for proposals will be substantially assessed on the basis of the following criterium:

- Quality of the researcher

4.3 Assessment criteria full proposal

The full proposals submitted within this Call for proposals will be substantially assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Quality and innovative character of the research proposal (75 %);
2. Scientific and/or societal impact (25 %).

4.4 Prioritisation

For this Call of proposals, external, independent assessment committees will be installed per submission window, consisting of representatives from science with knowledge of the academic field. The task given to this assessment committee is to assess the submitted pre-proposals and proposals and thereto pertaining documents, in light of both the collective context and individual merits, based on the assessment criteria outlined in the Call for proposals. On this basis, the committee will prioritise the applications submitted.

If an ex aequo situation occurs at the borders of available budget or the selection borders, then, in order to stimulate the number of females in science, the proposal from a female applicant will end as the highest. If the ex aequo situation is not resolved with this, then the proposal with the highest score for the criterion 'Quality and innovative character of the research proposal' will end highest. If this provides no resolution either, the ex aequo situation will be sent on to the decision-making body.

Finally, the relevant decision-making body will assess the procedure followed and the advice from the assessment committee. It will subsequently determine the final qualifications and take a decision about awarding or rejecting the proposals.

5 Submitting your application

5.1 Submission through Mijn ZonMw

Preproposals/ full proposals can only be submitted by the main applicant in ZonMw's online submission system ([Mijn ZonMw](#)). The closing date for submitting a preproposal is 2 November 2023, at 14.00 CEST.

You can see the entire timeline for this round of grants [here](#).

5.2 Tips

- If you have not worked with Mijn ZonMw before, you must first register as a 'New user'.
- For further information, see the [Mijn ZonMw manual](#).

We advise you to print out a Word version of your application (via Mijn ZonMw) and carefully review it for errors before you submit it digitally. This is especially important if you have created your application in Word and then copied it to Mijn ZonMw, as some characters (such as quotes) may not be converted correctly. You can correct this yourself in Mijn ZonMw.

5.3 Statement of agreement for submission of detailed grant application

The '[Statement of agreement for submission of detailed grant application](#)' does not apply for this grant proposal round. You must add an embedding guarantee form with your preproposal, which also qualifies as approval of submitting a full proposal.

5.4 Substantive questions

For questions regarding the contents of the application, please contact:

- Roos Harmsen (programmamanager)
- Lonneke Gaykema (programmasecretaris)
- Rochelle Tjok-A-Sang (programmasecretaris)
- Jacqueline Steenwinkel (clusterassistent)

To be reached at: 070 515 0321 and vidi@zonmw.nl.

5.5 Technical questions

If you have any technical questions about using ZonMw's online application system, please contact the Service Desk from Monday to Friday between 8.00 and 17.00 (+31 070 349 51 78, servicedesk@zonmw.nl). Please include your telephone number in your email so that we can call you back if necessary.

5.6 Downloads and links

- [NWO Grant Rules](#)
- [Datamanagement and FAIR data](#)
- [Open Access](#)
- [Mijn ZonMw manuals](#)

Round specific information:

- [Programmapagina ZonMw Vidi](#)
- [Call for Proposals Vidi 2023](#)
- [ZonMw Vidi pre-proposal form 2023](#)
- [Vidi 2023 Embedding guarantee form](#)
- [Non-referees form](#)