

Gender in Research Fellowship 2024

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1 Aim of the call for fellowship applications

ZonMw Gender and Health will provide Gender in Research Fellowships for PhD-students and post-doctoral researchers to attend the Gender and Health course and participate in the Gender in Research workshops at the Erasmus Summer Programme (ESP) from 19-23 August 2024¹. The course and workshop will be held at ErasmusMC in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

The [Erasmus Summer Programme](#) provides hundreds of students, researchers and health professionals with the opportunity to boost their scientific careers. It provides cutting-edge courses and research training in quantitative medical and health research.

[ZonMw](#) (The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development) funds health research in the Netherlands and promotes the actual use of knowledge this research produces.

To realize quality health care, a sex and gender dimension needs to be integrated in all aspects of health research and clinical practice. In the final week of the Erasmus Summer Programme, ESP and ZonMw offer a joint programme to further knowledge and skills in gender, health and research through the [Gender and Health course](#) (course code ESP78) and [Gender in Research workshops](#) (course code ESP79).

The Gender in Research workshops will focus on advancing early-career researchers' skills in performing health research from a sex and gender perspective. The workshop will bring together guest speakers and mentors with expertise in sex and gender research, as well as several funding agencies. Participants will be presented on the basics of the different stages of research and how to include sex and gender considerations at each stage of the research cycle.

The Gender and Health course brings together experts from a multitude of disciplines and provides participants with resources that will assist them in developing and strengthening gender-equal clinical care and research programmes. The course will focus on the critical issues for women and men through the life-cycle, challenges of integrating sex and gender from the health research and policy perspectives, as well as strategies to address these challenges.

2 Preconditions

2.1 Who is eligible for a fellowship?

- Applicants for the Gender in Research Fellowship must be registered in a doctoral programme or be at the post-doctoral degree stage.

¹ The Gender in Research workshops will take place in the third week of the ESP: 19-23 August 2024.

- Applicants at the post-doctoral stage can only apply within 5 years after completing their PhD. Extension is possible in case of maternity/parental leave. If you wish to apply for extension, please contact ZonMw before submitting your application.
- This funding opportunity is open to Dutch as well as non-Dutch applicants. Applicants do not need to be registered in a Dutch doctoral programme, be affiliated with a Dutch research institution and/or residing in The Netherlands to apply for this fellowship.
- It is mandatory for Gender in Research Fellowship recipients to attend both the ESP Gender and Health course (course code ESP78) and the Gender in Research workshops (course code ESP79).*
- Recipients of an Erasmus Summer Programme Fellowship are not eligible for a Gender in Research Fellowship.

* Please note: The total spots available for the ESP Gender in Research Workshops is 40. ESP will reserve 20 spots for the Gender in Research Fellowship recipients in the Gender and Health course and the Gender in Research workshops.

2.2 What is the amount of the fellowship I can apply for?

This funding opportunity has funds available to fund up to 20 fellowships. Maximum available budget per fellowship € 2,000 for applicants residing in Europe and € 2,500 for applicants residing outside of Europe.

As a successful fellowship applicant, you will obtain free access to the Gender in Research workshops and the Gender and Health course (registration fees valued at approximately € 1,040, paid directly by ZonMw to ESP). This includes opportunities to learn from leading experts to advance your knowledge and skills in sex and gender sensitive health research, as well as to build a community with fellow talented early-career researchers from around the world and work in diverse teams on a prize-winning competition within the course.

ZonMw will book accommodation including breakfast at The Social Hub in Rotterdam for the duration of the third week² for each successful participant (valued at approx. € 560, paid directly by ZonMw to TSH). Furthermore, successful applicants will be able to reclaim additional expenses at up to a total fellowship amount of € 2,000/ € 2,500 (residing within Europe/ residing outside Europe). Registration fees and accommodation fees are part of the awarded fellowship amount and will therefore reduce the amount available for additional expenses.

The following additional expenses are considered eligible for funding received through this funding opportunity:

² The Gender in Research workshops will take place in the third week of the ESP: 19-23 August 2024. Check-in to the accommodation will be available Sunday prior (18 August 2024) and check-out Saturday after the Summer School week (24 August 2024).

- Travel for applicant
- Visa expenses (if applicable)

Recipients will need to pay these costs (e.g. travel costs) in advance. The expenses claim form will be included with the positive decision notice for successful applicants.

The following expenses are *not* eligible for funding through this funding opportunity:

- Passport expenses (excluding visa expenses if applicable)
- COVID-19 vaccination and/or testing expenses
- Travel companion
- Expenses such as incidentals, room service or internet charges

Further conditions

The program for the week is demanding. Therefore, no exceptions will be made for Gender in Research Fellowship recipients with regards to ZonMw booking their accommodation; it is mandatory for all successful applicants to stay at The Social Hub Rotterdam during the week. If a recipient of the fellowship wishes to prolong their stay beyond the course dates specified above, it would be at their own expense.

The reclaim of costs will be paid in Euros. If the maximum fellowship amount doesn't cover all costs to attend the ESP Gender and Health course and the Gender in Research workshop, remaining costs are at the recipient's own expense.

3 Assessment criteria

Please use the provided Application form (see Downloads and links) for your application. Applications using other formats will not be considered for this funding opportunity.

Applications will be evaluated and assessed according to the following criteria:

- Interest in health research of the applicant (derived from CV and motivation)
- Quality and promise of the applicant (derived from CV) in their specific field of study, compared to researchers at an equivalent level of study.
- Ambition and motivation of the applicant for participation in the Gender in Research workshop
- Potential importance of sex and gender considerations in the field of research of the applicant
- Clear description of the planned knowledge utilization and action plan to allow the outcomes of participation in the Gender in Research workshop benefit future research of the applicant.

4 Procedure and timeline

When writing your grant application, please take account of the following:

- Your application must be written in English.
- Please use your first and last name as the title of your application in ZonMw's online application system Mijn ZonMw.

- For planned start date and planned duration (in months), fill out '05-08-2024' and '1' respectively.
- Please enter your own name for all three required project members (main applicant, project leader, administrative representative).
- In the budget section, you need to give a summary of the budget. Please fill out € 2,000/ € 2,500 in 1.2 Material costs. You can leave the other parts empty.
- In section 4.1 Permits, please select 'Not applicable' for the questions regarding *Positive opinion of an accredited METC or the CCMO, Animal Testing Project Permit (CCD/DEC), Permit under the Wbo.*
- Relevant [ZonMw grant terms and conditions](#) apply.
- The fellowship is only applicable to the 2024 ESP Gender and Health course and Gender in Research workshops. Should the awardee be unable to attend the 2024 ESP Gender and Health and the Gender in Research workshops, the positive notice decision will be withdrawn.
- Required attachments to be submitted by the applicant:
 - Application form (standard format, see Downloads and links)
 - Statement of agreement for completed detailed grant application, signed by Main Applicant (see section 5.3).

4.1 Assessment procedure

Applications will be assessed by a working group consisting of experts in sex and gender in health and research.

4.2 Timeline

Deadline for submission of grant application	25 April 2024
Decision deadline	Early June 2024

More information

Check the [programme page](#) on the ZonMw website, which is updated regularly.

5 Submitting your application

5.1 Submission (through Mijn ZonMw)

Fellowship applications can only be submitted by the main applicant in ZonMw's online submission system ([Mijn ZonMw](#)). The closing date for submitting a fellowship application is 25 April 2024, at 14.00 CEST

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 completed detailed grant application

The '[Statement of agreement for completed detailed grant application](#)' must be signed by the main applicant. The signed declaration can be added to the application in Mijn ZonMw or sent to ZonMw by email at gender@zonmw.nl. For the fellowship application, the declaration does not have to be signed by an administrative representative, as this does not apply for this funding opportunity. The declaration must have been received no later than one week after submission of the application.

5.4 Substantive questions

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

Carine Stroet (program manager), +31 (0)70 349 5021, gender@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 (0)70 349 51 76, 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

- [Application form](#)
- [Mijn ZonMw](#) manuals
- [Statement of agreement for submission of a detailed grant application](#)