ZonMw Open Competition 2020

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AIM OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The complete information on the programme, target group, conditions and criteria can be found in the ZonMw Open Competition, *Call for proposals 2020*.

The ZonMw Open Competition is intended for excellent research teams to renew their research lines in terms of both content and collaboration. The intention is to create room for an innovative collaboration that leads to ground breaking science of exceptional quality in the area of health research.

With a view on team science, the ZonMw Open Competition is specifically intended for innovative and unique combinations of two or more research groups. This is a relevant criterion for the assessment of the proposals submitted. The collaboration in the research team should be evidently clear. Additionally, in the application form, the applicant is asked to describe the innovative elements in the chosen research. However, it should also be noted that an initially orienting or exploratory collaboration for the chosen research can be further built upon.

The potential, and preferably broadly applicable, effect of the chosen research on science is an important criterion in the assessment. In addition, other important criteria are the high quality and innovation of the research, with a good and clear theoretical framework and a work plan, an excellent composition and scientific profile of the project team, and knowledge utilisation/participation.

The expected outcome of projects is primarily advancing scientific knowledge (knowledge advancement, the creation of conceptual models and theorisation) within a new collaboration between research groups. ZonMw uses this to openly encourage science as the main driving force for innovation in science and healthcare for the longer term.

The deadline for submission of a full proposal is **3 December 2020**, before **14.00** hr **CET**.

Who can apply

Applicants may only submit a full proposal upon invitation. Applications who did not participate in the pre-proposal phase will not be taken into consideration. The deadline for the pre-proposals for this submission round has passed.

ZonMw poses a number of preconditions and criteria to the applicants and applications.
Please refer to the *Call for proposals* for all conditions and criteria.

Which amount can be applied for

For the funding round 2020, the total available budget for the awarding of grants is € 12,500,000. The maximum grant that can be applied for per application without the investment module is € 750,000. There is optional investment module of € 100,000 – 250,000 in addition to the maximum grant applied for. The maximum grant amount including an investment module is € 1,00,000 per application.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications are assessed on relevance for the ZonMw Open Competition the substantive and procedural criteria from the *Call for proposals* and the scientific quality.
These criteria, as well as the budget, of all applications are assessed by the programme committee.

The rating of the quality criteria of the full proposal is as follows:
A) Scientific quality counts for **50%,**
B) Quality of the project team counts for **30%**
C) Knowledge utilisation and participation counts for **20%.**
In addition, applications will be assessed on relevance the ZonMw Open Competition programme.
In the full proposal phase, the committee issues a final assessment based on the proposal, referees' reports, the rebuttal and, when applicable, the interview. If the applicants are invited for an interview, then the interview will play an important role during the assessment of the full proposal

PROCEDURE & TIMELINE

Please take the following points into consideration when preparing your proposal:
- The application should be written in English.
- Full proposals should comply with the NWO-subsidieregeling 2017.
- More information on the METC / CCD, the Code for Transparency in Animal Testing, and the Biosecurity Code can be found on the webpage voorwaarden en financiën.
- Please reserve part of your project budget for communication and implementation and include this in your budget. Please note, ZonMw often applies 5% for this purpose, but you are allowed to deviate from this as you see fit.
- Unless clearly asked by the committee, you are not allowed to add new project members in your full proposal. If you have made any changes to the project team (upon the committee's request), please clearly indicate this in your proposal.
- It is mandatory to include a budget in your proposal. Please note that the budget may not deviate by more than 15% from the budget that was submitted with the pre-proposal, unless this has been commented on by the committee. If you have made any significant changes to the budget (upon the committee's request), please clearly indicate this in your proposal.

A complete submission for the full proposal contains:

1) Completed tabs in *Mijn ZonMw* containing the following subsections:
    1. General Notes – *this section contains only instructions*
    2. General Project Information
        - Application overview
        - Compulsory Project Team Members
    3. Research Team Members
        - Co-applicants
    4. Project Summary
        - Scientific summary
        - Public summary (Dutch and English)
        - Keywords
    5. Research Proposal
    6. General Budget
        - Specified budget
        - Budget summary
    7. Rebuttal
    8. Statements Applicant
        - Ethical aspects
        - Declaration of submitting full proposal
        - Signature of main applicant

2) Attachments uploaded in *Mijn ZonMw*:

    *Upload at **tab 5***
    - *Application form* full proposal 2020, containing the following subsections:

- 1a-f Research proposal
- 2 Figures (max 2 pages A4-format, single sided; optional)
- 3 Biosketches of the main and co-applicants (max. 2 A4 per applicant)

*Upload at **tab 6***
- Budget form (Excel format)
- signed budget form (Pdf format)
- Letter of commitment for co-financing other than the investment module (mandatory when applying with co-financing)
- Matching funds commitment letter (mandatory when applying for the investment module)

*Upload at **tab 7***
- Rebuttal letter to committee advice pre-proposal (max. 1 A4, optional)

Assessment Procedure

For the general assessment procedure of funding applications, please refer to the infographic 'in 10 stappen subsidie aanvragen' and to the procedurebrochure aanvragers.

After assessment of the project ideas, the committee has made a selection of the proposals with the highest chance of funding based on the procedure described. The main applicants of these selected applications have received an invitation to submit a full proposal. The main applicants of the less promising applications are strongly discouraged to submit a full proposal.

Provisional Timetable*

Deadline submission ful proposal	3 December 2020, before 14.00 hr CET
Receipt referees' comments	End of January 2021
Deadline submission rebuttal	12 February 2021
Interview	13 and 14 April 2021
Decision ZonMw	End of May 2021
Start date of project	No later than end of November 2021 (max. 6 months after awarding of funding)

*Subject to change and has been adapted previously to the Covid-19 outbreak. Applicants will be informed of exact timelines and deadlines in due course.

More information
Please consult the programme page on the ZonMw-website regularly for the latest and most up to date information.

SUBMISSION

Submitting via *Mijn ZonMw*

Applications can only be submitted via the online application system *Mijn ZonMw*. The deadline for submission is **3 December 2020, 14.00 hr CET**

TIPS

- *Mijn ZonMw* is a new online application. We strongly advise you to start entering your application early, at least one week before the deadline. This will prevent any possible errors or technical issues from obstructing the timely submission of your proposal.
- If you have any questions, please refer to the manual handleiding Mijn ZonMw.
  In case of technical issues, please contact the ZonMw servicedesk (servicedesk@zonmw.nl) as soon as possible.
  For specific questions on the call for proposals, supportive documents or the application procedure, please contact the programme team via opencompetitie@zonmw.nl.

- You are advised to review a printed version of your proposal prior to online submission, in order to spot any irregularities. This particularly applies if your submission is drafted in Word format before copying it to *Mijn ZonMw* (some signs and symbols, such as inverted commas, do not tranfer well). This should be corrected in *Mijn ZonMw*.
- You can save your work in progress in *Mijn ZonMw*. Once an application has been submitted, it can no longer be edited, even if the deadline has not passed yet.
- *Mijn ZonMw* requires each project include a *main applicant, a project leader* and *an Administrative responsible person* under the section 'Project members'. Please note that the main applicant should be listed both as *main applicant* and *project leader*.
- It is not necessary to include a printed and signed copy of the application.

Specific Questions

For specific questions, please contact:

Dr Angela Sarabdjitsingh (Programme Manager)
Lotte Hofstee (Programme Secretary)
Roos Harmsen (Programme Secretary)
Jacoline Griep (Cluster Assistant)

via: 070 349 52 88 *or* opencompetitie@zonmw.nl

Technical Questions

For technical questions about the use of *Mijn ZonMw*, please contact the service desk. The service desk can be contacted from Monday to Friday between 8:00 and 17:00 hr CET on +31 70 349 5178 or servicedesk@zonmw.nl. In emails, please state your application number and provide a telephone number where we may reach you.

DOWNLOADS & LINKS

- ZonMw Open Competitie, Call for proposals 2020
- ZonMW Open Competite, Call for proposals 2020 (English translation)
- Explanatory notes to ZonMw full proposal 2020
- Full proposal formulier ZonMw Open Competitie 2020
- Budgetformulier ZonMw Open Competitie 2020
- Mijn ZonMw voorbeeld digitaal formulier
- NWO-subsidieregeling 2017
- Procedurebrochure aanvragers
- Voorbeeldbrief cofinanciering investeringsmodule ZonMw Open Competitie
- Veelgestelde vragen (FAQs)