

# External Research Funding

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## Leiden University

### ♣ Four Vici's for Leiden University round 2011. Deadline next round 29 March 2012

Congratulations to the laureates:

- Mirjam de Bruijn (HUM History and ASC)
- Martin van Hecke (W&N LION)
- Manon van der Heijden (HUM History)
- Ignas Snellen (W&N Sterrewacht)

Note that for the Vici 2012 the following changes in the evaluation process will become effective:

- Knowledge utilization will be assessed and will count for 20% of overall evaluation
- All Vici's will be assessed in a single competition, which means that the committee will compare and rank proposals from all areas together.

#### More information:

<http://nieuws.leidenuniv.nl/nieuws-2011/vici-beurzen-voor-leidse-onderzoekers.html>

[http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP\\_5VTGS6\\_Eng](http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP_5VTGS6_Eng)

### Looking for money for Research?

#### Research Funding Opportunities Database Pivot.COS is in the air again

Pivot brings the COS Funding Opportunities and the COS profile databases (Scholar Universe and COS Expertise) together, providing integration between the two.

Pivot is available at <http://pivot.cos.com>. Your current COS account log in will work with Pivot too.

Go for some basic training videos useful to : <http://www.youtube.com/user/ProQuestPivot>.

To help you get started, COS has recorded training sessions for administrators (from our recent webinar series, "Camp Pivot") which you can access directly here:

<https://refworks.webex.com/refworks/onstage/g.php?p=6&t=m> or from the Support area within your Pivot account. We also have recorded sessions for your faculty/researches that can be found here:

<https://refworks.webex.com/refworks/onstage/g.php?p=4&t=m>. They also offer monthly webinars which you

can access from our training page: [www.refworks-cos.com/training](http://www.refworks-cos.com/training). Stay tuned for additional training and promotional materials, as well as additional features and functionality in Pivot!

YouTube channel: several videos that are each only a few minutes long to assist with specific topics:  
<http://www.youtube.com/ProQuestPivot>.

### ♣ Looking for help in establishing consultancy projects?

If you find yourself in a situation where an external organisation is interested to buy your academic expertise, you may be looking for help. LURIS offers dedicated support in terms of project definition, proposal writing, pricing issues, contract negotiations, personal liability insurance and invoicing.

Last year the University Board has endorsed the launch of consultancy services. The rationale behind this decision was that consultancy projects may further develop relationships with third parties that are mutually beneficial, it stimulates academic curiosity leading to new research and last but not least, it may generate income for your team and yourself.

**More information:** <http://www.research.leiden.edu/luris/academics/external-contracts/consultancy-services.html> or contact Jeroen van der Leijé at directly at [j.vanderleije@luris.nl](mailto:j.vanderleije@luris.nl) or 071- 526 5575.

## *Individual Grants and Prizes*

### NWO Vernieuwingsimpuls 2012 important changes!!

The 'Vernieuwingsimpuls' (VI) scheme offers personal fellowships to talented researchers in different stages of their career. Project proposals can be submitted to NWO each year, and selected candidates will have to present their proposal to a committee. The deadlines for this year are:

Grant	Yrs after PhD	Amount	For	Deadline
Veni	0-3	€ 250.000	candidates' postdoc salary	5 January 2012
Vidi	3-8	€ 800.000	salaries for PhD students and/or postdocs	2 October 2012
Vici	8-15	€ 1.500.000	salaries for PhD students and/or postdocs	29 March 2012

There are three important modifications in the procedure with respect to last year's round:

#### **Knowledge utilisation (part 2.b.) now official criterion counting for 20% of overall score**

In the previous round the completion of the section about knowledge utilisation was optional. For the VI round of 2012 every researcher who submits an application is requested to devote several paragraphs to knowledge utilisation. All VI applications will subsequently be assessed for the aspect knowledge utilisation in addition to the aspects personal qualities of the researcher and quality of the project proposal. The assessment of **the knowledge utilisation criterion will constitute 20% of the total assessment**. This is an important change compared to the previous rounds.

#### **Evaluation process**

In 2009, 2010 and 2011, the VI assessment procedure was split into two phases: the divisional phase and the domain phase. From the 2012 round onwards the domain phase for Veni, Vidi and Vici will no longer take place. Veni and Vidi will be assessed at the divisional level of the candidate's choice. Applicants who wish to carry out research that exceeds the boundaries of NWO divisions can opt to submit the application as cross-disciplinary. WOTRO Science for Global Development is responsible for the cross-disciplinary secretariat. From the 2012 round onwards, Vici applications will be assessed science wide. This means that applications from all disciplines (including cross-disciplinary applications) will be compared with each other in a single competition.

### Limited submission possibilities for Veni and Vidi

With effect from 2011 a new submission condition applies to applicants. For the Veni and Vidi rounds, researchers may only submit a proposal on two occasions. Only applicants who had already submitted a proposal twice before 2011 may make a third submission via a transitional arrangement. For Vici, researchers may submit a proposal on three occasions.

Potential Leiden candidates are requested to inform their Institutes Scientific Director. Within all faculties there is support for the preparation of the application and for the interview. For further information contact Anke Klerkx.

Further information: [http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOA\\_4YJDQ3\\_Eng](http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOA_4YJDQ3_Eng)

### ERC schedule to 2012: New Deadlines ERC StG and AdG

	deadline	budget
ERC Starting Grant	PE : 12 October 2011 LS: 9 November 2011 SH: 24 November 2011	739.74 million €
ERC Advanced Grant	PE 16 February 2012 LS 14 March 2012 SH 11 April 2012	689.74 million €
ERC Synergy Scheme	25 January 2012	150 Million €
ERC Proof of Concept	3 May 2012 3 October 2012	10 million €

Source: LURIS

### FP7 Marie Curie Individual Fellowships continuous overview of deadlines

		deadline
CIG	Career Integrations Grants	6 March 2012
IEF	Intra European Fellowship	16 August 2012
IIF	International Incoming Fellowship	16 August 2012
IOF	International Outgoing Fellowship	16 August 2012
CIG	Career Integration Grants	18 September 2012

Or for more information visit:

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/home_en.html)

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/understanding/marie-curieinbrief/home\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/understanding/marie-curieinbrief/home_en.html)

### Anytime: Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers (COFUND)

Offers incoming Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Germany for 6 to 24 months. The programme has no thematic limitations, open to all nationalities, non-resident in Germany.

Further information: <http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/humboldt-stipendium-postdoc.html>

### Anytime: CEA Eurotalents Incoming-Fellowships for Postdocs (COFUND)

#### Continuous applications.

CEA offers Incoming Postdoctoral Fellowships in the areas of microelectronics, nanosciences and nanotechnologies; energy, environment and climate change; science and technology of high computing; life science and biotechnology and high energy physics, high energy density physics and astrophysics.

CEA Siège (Essone) Headquarter. tel.: 0033-[0]1-6450-1000, email: [eurotalents@cea.fr](mailto:eurotalents@cea.fr)

**Further information:** <http://eurotalents.cea.fr/>

### **Anytime: EMBO – Short Term Fellowships**

**Continuous:** 3 months before the starting dates

With the Short-Term Fellowships, EMBO provides funding for research visits for up to three months abroad. Again, the fellowship must involve movement between countries of which one must be an EMBC Member State. Funding covers travel costs as well as subsistence of the fellow. The subsistence rate depends on the country being visited. Eligible candidates are researchers with less than ten years of research experience after their Ph.D. In addition to that, Ph.D. students are also eligible for funding.

Contact at EMBO: Agnès Visser-de Matteï; Tel. +49 [0]6221-8891 115; [TUfellowships@embo.org](mailto:TUfellowships@embo.org)

**Further information and call text:** <http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/index.php?id=145>

### **♣ 14-02-2012 Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) and Scottish Government - Outgoing Fellowships for Postdocs (COFUND)**

The "Royal Society of Edinburgh International Research Awards Scheme" (RSE-IRAS) - initiated by the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Scottish Government - offers outgoing Postdoctoral Fellowships in Scotland co-financed by Marie Curie COFUND.

The Fellowships are open to researchers of any nationality with two to six years of research experience after their PhD (at the time of the application closing date). The fellowship gives funding for a research stay in Scotland for a period of five years. Within these five years, a research stay at a research group at an institution in a third country is foreseen for a period of six to twelve months.

The programme is open to all research areas.

The funding covers living, mobility, support for travel, attendance at approved meetings and the cost of minor equipment.

Contact at RSE-IRAS: phone: +44 (0)131 - 240 5000; fax: +44 (0)131 - 240 5024

Further information:

[http://rse.mtcserver6.com/976\\_PersonalResearchFellowship.htm](http://rse.mtcserver6.com/976_PersonalResearchFellowship.htm)

### **15-2-2011 European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO) - 'Long-Term-Term Fellowships' for biologists (COFUND)**

The Long-Term Fellowships provide funding for postdoctoral research visits for up to two years to laboratories throughout Europe and the world. The host institution or the sending institution must be situated in an EMBC Member State (European Molecular Biology Conference). Researchers with a maximum of two years of research experience after their PhD are eligible. Furthermore, at the time of application, applicants must have at least one first author publication in press or published in an international peer reviewed journal. The funding comprises travel costs as well as a stipend for the fellow and his/her family.

**Further information:** <http://www.embo.org/programmes/fellowships/long-term.html>

### **16-02-2012: ERC Advanced Grant in Physical Sciences & Engineering**

The new call for proposals regarding the ERC Advanced Grant competition has been opened with an indicative budget of around EUR 670 million. This grant supports the Principal Investigator with starting or consolidating a research team for a period of 5 years with a maximum funding of EUR 2.5 million (for exceptional cases EUR 3.5 million). The application deadlines are staggered according to the following domains:

- Physical Sciences & Engineering: February 16, 2012, 5 p.m. (Brussels local time)
- Life Sciences: March 14, 2012, 5 p.m. (Brussels local time)

The electronic proposal submission system EPSS for this call is open. Please note that the updated version of the 'ERC Guide for Applicants' will be available soon.

The current ERC Work Programme is available at  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/ideas&state=open>

### **16-02-2012: ERC Advanced Grant in Life Sciences**

See Above

### **♣ 01-03-2012 ETH Zurich - Fellowships for Postdocs (COFUND)**

The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH Zurich) offers Postdoctoral Fellowships co-financed by Marie Curie COFUND.

The Postdoc-Fellowships provide funding for postdoctoral research stays for one to a maximum of two years at the ETH Zurich. The programme is open to scientists of all nationalities. The proposal has to be submitted jointly by the candidate and the host, a professor of the ETH.

Eligible are junior postdoctoral scientists, who have been awarded their doctoral degree within two years of the relevant submission deadline. The applicants need to have at least one scientific publication in a peer-reviewed journal or have been awarded a prize for their PhD thesis.

The funding comprises a salary as well as a contribution to research costs and a travel/mobility allowance.

Further information:

<http://www.ethfellows.ethz.ch>

Contact at ETH Zurich:Office of Research;ETH Zurich;HG E 32.2;Rämistrasse 101;8092 Zurich  
e-mail: [ethfellows@sl.ethz.ch](mailto:ethfellows@sl.ethz.ch)

### **♣ 07-03-2012 Fonds National de la Recherche Luxembourg - Fellowships für Postdoktoranden/innen (COFUND)**

The Fonds nationale de la Recherche Luxembourg offers postdoctoral fellowships in Luxembourg co-financed by Marie Curie COFUND. The programme is open to all fields of research.

The fellowships provide funding for postdoctoral research visits for 24 months in Luxembourg and abroad. The programme is open to scientists of all nationalities. In the selection process, the interest of the project in the context of Luxembourg R&D will be evaluated.

Junior researchers can apply until up to eight years after the reception of their PhD certificate. The candidates need to find a suitable host institution by their own.

In order to be eligible, the research training has to be carried out in a different country from where the applicant has been principally working in the 24 months preceding the beginning of the intended postdoctoral funding period.

Contact at AFR:Ulrike Kohl;;phone: +352 (0)26 192 532;email: [ulrike.kohl@fnr.lu](mailto:ulrike.kohl@fnr.lu)

Further information:

<http://www.afr.lu/en/AFR-Grants-Activities/AFR-PhD-and-Postdoc-Grants/AFR-Postdoc-Grants>

### **♣ 03-04-2012 NWO Rubicon new conditions!**

Rubicon offers researchers who have completed their doctorates in the past year the chance to gain experience at a top research institution outside the Netherlands (maximum of two years). As of 1 January 2012 Rubicon will not be open to applicants from abroad. Only applicants that have received their Masters and/or their PhD in the Netherlands will be eligible. The deadlines in 2012 are on 3 April, 30 August and 29 November.

**More information:** [http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP\\_6H2G7R\\_Eng](http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP_6H2G7R_Eng)

#### ♣ 03-05-2012 ERC Proof of Concept call published

The European Research Council (ERC) has published today a call for proposals for the funding initiative 'Proof of Concept' in order to support the commercialisation of ideas from current ERC projects.

Successful applicants in the Advanced Grant as well as the Starting Grant scheme can apply for additional funding of up to 150.000 EUR for 12 months. The funding can be used for activities such as technical validation, market research, clarifying IPR position and strategy or investigating commercial and business opportunities (e.g. setting up a business plan). With this funding initiative the ERC wants to contribute to the creation of an 'Innovation Union'.

A budget of 10 million EUR is available for this call. ERC-Grant holders can apply during their currently running ERC projects and up to one year after the end of the ERC project at the latest. The proposal will be evaluated according to the innovation potential, the quality of the proof of concept plan and the budget planning.

Further information: <http://erc.europa.eu/proof-concept>

## *Collaborative and Project Grants*

#### FP7 Marie Curie programmes continuous overview of deadlines

		deadline
IAPP	Industry- Academia Partnerships and Pathways	19 April 2012

**Or for more information visit:**

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/home_en.html)

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/understanding/marie-curieinbrief/home\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/understanding/marie-curieinbrief/home_en.html)

#### ♣ 06-03-2012 NGI Venture Challenge Spring 2012

The Venture Challenge is a 'must-do' opportunity for all aspiring Life Sciences entrepreneurs, it is the way to receive coaching and advice on essential elements of setting up a business, thereby paving the way for your future success. It is also superb preparation for the next stage: acquiring financing, such as the Life Sciences Pre-Seed Grant.

In two 3-day workshops, the facilitators and other 'competing' teams will challenge you to focus your business idea to create optimal customer value, and you will learn to pitch your business case. At the end of the Challenge, the team with the best venture plan and pitch is awarded €25,000.

**Further information:** [www.venturechallenge.nl](http://www.venturechallenge.nl)

**If you want to set up a business, also contact Kenn Curt Daniël:** [c.k.daniel@luris.nl](mailto:c.k.daniel@luris.nl)

#### ♣ 21-03-2011 Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) - Research Grants 2013

Especially intercontinental cooperations with young researchers will be funded. The program aims at funding frontier research within the field of life sciences.

The call comprises two different grants:

- 'Young Investigators' Grants' are for teams of scientists, who would like to reach an independent position. They should be all within 5 years of establishing an independent laboratory and within 10 years after obtaining their PhDs.
- 'Program Grants' are for independent scientists at all stages of their careers who would like to develop new lines of research through collaboration. All members must be in a position to initiate as well as direct their own independent lines of research and must have responsibility for their own laboratories and show evidence of independence. The participation of younger scientists is especially encouraged. Postdocs are not eligible to apply.

Both programs provide three years of support for research groups of two to four team members, with not more than one member from any country, unless critical for the innovative nature of the project. Awards are dependent upon team size. Successful teams may receive up to \$450,000 per year for the whole team. The principal applicant and his laboratory must be located in a HFSP Member state (Australia, Canada, EU, India, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, United States) but co-investigators may be located in any country.

Contact at HFSP: email: [grant@hfsp.org](mailto:grant@hfsp.org)

**Further information:** <http://www.hfsp.org/about/AboutProg.php>

#### ♣ 01-04-2011 FOM Valorisation Prize

The FOM Valorisation Prize (€ 250.000) has been established by FOM to encourage knowledge utilisation from physics research. The prize is awarded each year to a Dutch researcher (or research group) within the field of physics who has successfully managed to make the results from his or her own research useful for society.

**Further information:** [http://www.fom.nl/live/english/about/Scientific\\_prizes/valorisationprize.pag](http://www.fom.nl/live/english/about/Scientific_prizes/valorisationprize.pag)

#### ♣ 01-04-2011 Other FOM Prizes

- The FOM Physics Thesis Award is awarded each year to the best physics thesis.
- Once every two years, FOM awards the Minerva Prize for the best publication by a woman about a physics subject.
- The FOM Valorisation Chapter Prize, FOM encourages PhD students to devote a separate chapter in their thesis to the valorisation of their doctoral research. This prize underlines the importance that FOM attaches to valorisation and is aimed at encouraging PhD students to look out for possibilities to utilise knowledge from their research.

**Further information:** [http://www.fom.nl/live/english/about/Scientific\\_prizes/general\\_information.pag](http://www.fom.nl/live/english/about/Scientific_prizes/general_information.pag)

#### 17-04-2012 FP7-Information and Communication Technologies Call 9

Budget: EUR 291 million

##### **Challenge 2: Cognitive systems and robotics**

ICT 2011.2.1 Cognitive Systems and Robotics (b), (c), (e)

##### **Challenge 4: Technologies for Digital Content and Languages**

ICT 2011.4.3 Digital Preservation

##### **Challenge 5: ICT for Health, Ageing Well, Inclusion and Governance**

ICT 2011.5.2 Virtual Physiological Human (a), (b), (d)

##### **Challenge 8: ICT for Learning and Access to Cultural Resources**

ICT 2011.8.2 ICT for access to cultural resources

##### **Future and Emerging Technologies**

ICT 2011.9.9 FET Proactive: Quantum ICT (QICT) including ERA-NET-Plus

ICT 2011.9.10 FET Proactive: Fundamentals of Collective Adaptive Systems (FOCAS)

ICT 2011.9.11 FET Proactive: Neuro-Bio-Inspired Systems (NBIS)

ICT 2011.9.12 Coordinating Communities, Identifying new research topics for FET

Proactive initiatives and Fostering Networking of National and Regional Research Programmes (a), (b), (c), (d)

### **International Cooperation**

ICT 2011.10.3 International Partnership building and support to dialogues (b)

Further information To see the official call announcement, please consult the following link

#### **Anytime: STW - Open Technologieprogramma (Open Technology Programme OTP)**

Researchers from universities can together with interested companies and/or societal partners apply for a grant for a technological-scientific project of which the results are to be applied in the society (utilisation). The maximum grant is € 750.000. Above € 500.000 matching is required (of the users).

**Information:** [TUhttp://www.stw.nl/Infobalie/Aanvragers.htm](http://www.stw.nl/Infobalie/Aanvragers.htm)UT

#### **♣ 15-05-2012 CIP: 6th call for proposals in the 'ICT Policy Support Programme' (ICT-PSP) launched**

The call - within the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP).- comprises the following thematic areas of the work programme 2012:

1. ICT for smart cities (EUR 27 million)
2. Digital content, open data and creativity (EUR 41 million)
3. ICT for health, ageing well and inclusion (EUR 24 million)
4. ICT for innovative government and public services (EUR 20 million)
5. Trusted e-services and other actions (EUR 15 million)

The work programme and other call relevant documents are available for download at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/ict\\_psp/participating/calls/all\\_proposals\\_12/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/participating/calls/all_proposals_12/index_en.htm)

Infoday presentations will be made available on this page as well. The European Commission conducts in addition to a general infoday (February 3, 2012) several thematic workshops:

- 13. 2.2012, Brussels; Theme 5.3: Contribution of Satellite Systems to 100% EU broadband coverage
- 17.2.2012, Brussels; Theme 3: ICT for Health, ageing well and inclusion
- 29.2.2012, Luxembourg; Theme 2: Digital content, open data and creativity

#### **♣ 24-05-2012 Call for proposals under the Implementation Plan of Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking**

The challenge facing fuel cells and hydrogen technologies is of great complexity, requiring substantial investments and a high level of scientific, technological and industrial expertise. The European Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan has identified fuel cells and hydrogen among the technologies needed for Europe to achieve the targets for 2020 - 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; 20% share of renewable energy sources in the energy mix; and 20% reduction in primary energy use.

The Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH JU) was established in 2008 as a long-term, public-private partnership under the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Union. The FCH JU pools public and private resources, with activities co-financed by the Commission and partners from industry and the research community.

The Annual Implementation Plan is the result of a joint effort by the FCP JU's major stakeholders. It represents a set of prioritised actions which are implemented on an annual basis in order to facilitate the

rapid deployment of fuel cell and hydrogen technologies.

This call for proposals consists of a wide variety of topics which fall under four areas:

- 'Transportation and refuelling infrastructure';
- 'Hydrogen production and distribution';
- 'Stationary power generation and combined heat and power';
- 'Cross-cutting issues'.

Further information: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/cooperation?callIdentifier=FCH-JU-2012-1>

## *Networking Grants*

### ♣ 01-03-2011 KNAW Academy colloquia

Academy Colloquia bring together a select international group of researchers to discuss a topical theme at the Trippenhuis Building in Amsterdam. Academy Colloquia last from two to four days. KNAW contributes a maximum of EUR 19,500 per colloquium and makes a further EUR 3,500 available to organise a master class immediately following the colloquium for a minimum of fifteen Dutch doctoral candidates. In addition, the Academy assists the colloquium organisers with organisational and administrative matters at no charge. Applications must be submitted prior to 1 March of the year preceding the year in which the colloquium is to take place.

**More information:** <http://www.knaw.nl/Pages/DEF/27/245.bGFuZz1FTkc.html>

### ♣ 30-03-2012: Next collection Day Open call COST

COST invites researchers throughout Europe to submit proposals for research networks and use this unique opportunity to exchange knowledge and to embark on new European perspectives. The support will cover the costs of networking activities such as meetings (e.g. travel, subsistence, local organiser support), conferences, workshops, short-term scientific exchanges, training schools, publications and dissemination activities. COST does not fund the research itself.

The [Open Call](#) follows a two-stage process whereby applicants, [after registering](#), submit a preliminary proposal by a set collection date. This preliminary proposal provides an overview of the proposed [Action's](#) goal and its foreseen impact. After assessment, approximately 80 of these preliminary proposals are selected for the second phase. Successful applicants are then invited to submit a full proposal.

**More information:** [http://www.cost.esf.org/participate/open\\_call](http://www.cost.esf.org/participate/open_call)

### ♣ 01-05-2011 KNAW Conference organisation grant

The Conference Grants Fund assists the organisers of international scientific/scholarly conferences in the Netherlands. The grant is intended to cover no more than a third of the total conference budget, with a ceiling of € 8500. The conference budget may not exceed € 170,000. Applications must be submitted at least four months before the closing date of the relevant tender. The annual closing dates are: 1 January, 1 May and 1 September. Grant awards are announced in April, August and December.

**More information:** <http://www.knaw.nl/Pages/DEF/27/228.bGFuZz1FTkc.html>

## *Information Meetings, Trainings and Workshops*

### **Training EG Liaison bureau**

<b>Datum</b>	<b>Soort training</b>	<b>Locatie</b>	<b>Kosten</b>	<b>Aanmelden</b>
20 & 21 februari	<a href="#">Coördinatoren training</a>	Chateau Marquette Heemskerk	350 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
6 maart	<a href="#">How-to-write cooperation</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
15 maart	<a href="#">Juridisch/financieel</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
21 maart	<a href="#">Businessclass</a>	Beatrixgebouw Utrecht	75 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
12 april	<a href="#">Juridisch/financieel</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
19 april	<a href="#">How-to-write cooperation</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
24 april	<a href="#">Businessclass</a>	Beatrixgebouw Utrecht	75 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
10 mei	<a href="#">Juridisch/financieel</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
15 mei	<a href="#">How-to-write cooperation</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
22 & 23 mei	<a href="#">Coördinatoren training</a>	Chateau Marquette Heemskerk	350 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
30 mei	<a href="#">Businessclass</a>	Beatrixgebouw	75 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
5 juni	<a href="#">Juridisch/financieel</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
14 juni	<a href="#">ERC starting grant</a>	NH Barbizon Palace Amsterdam	125 euro	<a href="#">Register</a>
21 juni	<a href="#">ERC starting grant</a>	Nijmegen	125 euro	<a href="#">Register</a>
28 juni	<a href="#">ERC starting grant</a>	NH Utrecht	125 euro	<a href="#">Register</a>
23 augustus	<a href="#">How-to-write cooperation</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
6 september	<a href="#">Juridisch/financieel</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
11 september	<a href="#">How-to-write cooperation</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
26 september	<a href="#">People ITN</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
2 oktober	<a href="#">People ITN</a>	Beatrixgebouw Utrecht	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
9 oktober	<a href="#">How-to-write cooperation</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
11 oktober	<a href="#">Juridisch/financieel</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
13 november	<a href="#">Juridisch/financieel</a>	NH Zoetermeer	125 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>

29 & 30 nov.	<a href="#">Coördinatoren training</a>	Chateau Marquette Heemskerk	350 euro	<a href="#">Aanmelden</a>
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kosten deelname: Cooperation How-to-Write, Juridisch Financieel, Marie Curie, ERC: € 125 (incl lunch en documentatie) Businessclass training: € 75 (incl lunch en documentatie), Coördinatorentraining 2 daags: € 350 (incl lunches, diner en overnachting) **NB: Voor alle trainingen geldt; bij annuleringen die wij ontvangen later dan 1 week voor aanvang van de training, wordt het volledige cursusbedrag gefactureerd als administratiekosten.** Heeft u vragen? Neem dan contact op met [EiOI@agentschapnl.nl](mailto:EiOI@agentschapnl.nl).

**Hyperion courses Sean McCarthy In Brussels:** <http://www.hyperion.ie/2010.htm>

**Yellow research courses:** <http://www.yellowresearch.nl/T>

## *Getting Involved*

### **Independent FP7 Experts:**

Directorate General for Research and Innovation is looking for researchers and other experts to be of assistance with the evaluation of research proposals. It is an ideal way to experience the evaluation process for research proposals and give you invaluable information for you future research proposals :

To register as expert go to: <https://cordis.europa.eu/emmf7/index.cfm>

## *News and developments*

### **♣ Top sector policy update February 2012**

If you have any questions on the Top sectors and the possible relevance for you, please contact [Anke Klerkx](#).

### **Keep informed on Life Sciences related Top sectors: LSH, Agrofood, HTSM**

The policy advisor of LUMC has a good overview of the developments in the Top sector LSH and life science related parts in Agrofood and HTSM. In the latter two, the institution of a new TKI on Food, Cognition & Behaviour and the HTSM TKIs Hightech systems, Nanotechnology, Embedded systems, Hightech materials are likely to be relevant to LUMC. These may also be relevant for other health related research areas in both Science and Social Sciences.

If you would like to receive updates on developments in these areas, please send an e-mail to [L.Tieman@luris.nl](mailto:L.Tieman@luris.nl) subject Life Sciences in Top sectors, and we will forward any new information to you.

### **All innovation contracts TOP sectors published in january 2012**

Early January all innovation contracts of the Topsectors were handed in to the ministry of EL&I and were published. These innovation contracts contain rolling agendas for research in the upcoming years in these sectors. Furthermore, a great amount of parties, predominantly companies, have shown (conditional) commitment to invest in the Topsectors with letters of intent, which amounts currently to 1.5 billion euro. At the moment, EL&I is making an inventory of the commitment of the public partners, i.e. TNO, universities and lower government, which needs to be clear half February. Furthermore, EL&I is addressing the risk of possible overcommitment of NWO and TNO budgets in the current innovation contracts. At the same time the governance and conditions for the TKIs are further developed, as well as the tax reduction measures that are created to stimulate participation of companies and also universities (RDA+). EL&I expects that the innovation contracts will be signed on 29 February 2012. The Topteams of the Topsectors themselves

continue to fill in the content of the research programmes with ideas for projects. To ensure participation and embedding of your research into the Top sectors, researchers can still give input on the innovation contracts via the topteam and at meetings that are being organised within the Top sectors

**More information** can be found at the respective websites:

[Topsector Agrofood: Innovatiecontract agrofood](#)

[Topsector Tuinbouw en uitgangsmaterialen: Innovatiecontract tuinbouw](#)

[Topsector Creatieve Industrie: Innovatiecontract creatieve industrie](#)

[Topsector Energie : Innovatiecontract energie](#)

[Topsector Life Sciences & Health: Innovatiecontract LSH](#)

[Topsector HighTech: Innovatiecontract HTSM](#)

[Topsector Chemie: Innovatiecontract chemie](#)

[Topsector Logistiek: Innovatiecontract logistiek](#)

[Topsector Water: Innovatiecontract water](#)

[Hoofkantoren](#)

### Top sector policy November 2011

The TOP sector policy of the ministry of E&LI, which is intended to stimulate economic growth and increasing the competitive power of the Dutch economy impacts not only the E&LI subsidy landscape, such as for instance FES and Technological Top Institutes, but also the policy of OCW and NWO funding. The selected Top sectors are: Chemistry, Creative Industry, Energy, High Tech Systems and Materials, Life Sciences & Health, Agro&Food, Logistics, Horticulture and starting materials, Water, and Head Quarters.

Below a short overview of what is currently known on how it will be implemented.

### The TOP sectors and EL&I subsidy programmes

After an early inventarisation of the issues and vision in each Top sector by the Topteam, this was translated into a Topsectorplan. Now each Top sector has to further develop this plan into an innovation contract. Within each topsector a taskforce will develop detailed roadmaps for the themes on which actions will be taken, which will result in a rolling agenda with a perspective of five years. The governance structure of each Top sector will be TKIs (Topconsortia for Knowledge and Innovation), building on already successful existing PPPs, in which demand driven research and innovation will be achieved by partners of the whole chain. 40% of these TKIs should be financed by companies, 20% by NWO, another 15% by organisations like TNO, and the rest by knowledge institutions and governmental bodies. To support this, instruments are developed by E&LI, such as tax reduction for R&D on profits for companies (RDA and RDA+), Innovatie Prestatie Contracten for MKB, and Innovatiefonds MKB+. How knowledge institutes will benefit from the innovation contracts and these other instruments is not clear yet.

*Source: Naar de Top. Het bedrijvenbeleid in actie(s)*

### The TOP sectors and NWO

The industry letter states that in 2012, NWO and KNAW will jointly devote €90 million to fundamental research within the Top Sectors, and that this amount will increase to €350 million in 2015. To achieve this, NWO is contributing to the development of the Top Sectors in various ways. First NWO is making a strong substantial contribution to the content of the roadmaps that are being developed for the Top Sectors. In order to improve the connection with the Top Sectors, NWO will focus on refining and expanding its themes from the NWO strategy 'Growing through knowledge' (Healthy Living; Water and Climate; Cultural and Societal Dynamics; Sustainable Energy; Connecting Sustainable Cities, and Materials: solutions for scarcity) and has started new themes on Agro, food & horticulture, High-tech systems & materials, and Creative industry.

NWO is involving parties such as industry, government departments, civil society organisations and knowledge institutions in the elaboration of the themes. The activities to be developed will receive a place in the innovation contracts to be drawn up within the top sectors. The research within the themes will be partly financed by NWO and partly by companies and other organisations involved. In this way NWO will also adopt the public-private partnership model. NWO will finance its contribution to the three new themes by redeploying the resources at its disposal.

From its unique position, NWO can also see how the Top Sectors relate to each other, where the connections are still missing and how the top sectors can strengthen each other's positions. Encouraging synergistic relationships between the Top Sectors will enable the resources available to be used more effectively. For example, several Top Sectors need the same fundamental research. It is vitally important to maintain this overview, especially as the relationship between fundamental research and innovation is often complex. Therefore over the coming months, NWO will play a significant role in elaborating the so-called innovation contracts. These contracts describe the various initiatives that will be started up over the next few years in order to realise the Top Sector agendas.

'Thanks to our unique position and embedding within the scientific field we can see where research provides opportunities for the Top Sectors, even if it concerns cross-sectoral themes. The NWO Division for the Social Sciences and the NWO Division for the Humanities have, for example, joined forces to compile a Cultural and Social Infrastructure Agenda,' says Jos Engelen. The agenda focuses on the coherent research of societal systems such as the employment market, welfare, security, education and public administration and is therefore complementary to and useful for the economic top sectors.

*Source: NWO website*

### **Gewijzigde Call voor Proposals van NWO-EW Vrije competitie**

Het Gebiedsbestuur Exacte Wetenschappen (GBE) heeft besloten de aanvraagvoorwaarden voor de tweede ronde van de EW Vrije competitie (deadline 15 september 2011, 12 uur 's middags) aan te passen. In deze ronde kan een hoofdaanvrager niet meer dan één aanvraag indienen. Het GBE heeft dit besloten om de aanvraagdruk bij de Vrije competitie te beperken. In de tweede ronde van 2010 was het honoreringspercentage slechts 22,4 procent. In de eerste ronde van 2011 zijn er weer meer aanvragen ingediend en dat zal leiden tot een nog lager honoreringspercentage. Door de vele aanvragen is de kans op honorering te klein en de belasting van de referenten te hoog.

U kunt de wijziging vinden in de Call voor Proposals van NWO-EW Vrije competitie. De volledige call met alle voorwaarden is te vinden op de website: [www.nwo.nl/ew/vc](http://www.nwo.nl/ew/vc).

### **♣ First Europe wide research strategy tackling the Challenge of Alzheimer's and other Neurodegenerative Diseases**

Today the Joint Programme Neurodegenerative Diseases - JPND has launched its European Research Strategy - "Tackling the Challenge of Alzheimer's and other Neurodegenerative Diseases in Europe".

Commissioner Maire Geoghegan-Quinn welcomed the strategy which "can not only make research efforts more effective in the area of neurodegenerative diseases but can also have very wide benefits for society, health and the research community in Europe."

The content of the strategy has been presented by the Chairman of the JPND Scientific Advisory Board Professor Thomas Gasser.

The strategy comprises five Scientific Priorities and nine Enabling Activities:  
Scientific priorities:

- The origins of neurodegenerative diseases
- Disease mechanism
- Disease definitions and diagnosis
- Developing therapies, preventive strategies and interventions
- Healthcare and social care

#### Enabling Activities :

- Knowing our research capability
- Supportive infrastructure and platforms
- Working in partnership with industry
- Working with regulatory organisations
- International partnership beyond Europe
- Capacity building
- Education and training
- Connection to policy makers
- Communication and outreach

Professor Gasser commented that "the recommendations outlined address the full spectrum of research and approaches that are required to achieve impact, and recognise the important role that other stakeholder groups including funding agencies, patient and carer organisations and industry representatives have in delivering this agenda."

Further information on JPND: <http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/>

#### ♣ **FP7 Guide to Financial Issues: updated version available**

In particular, the main clarifications and modifications introduced in this fourth update concern the following points (references refer to the Grant Agreement):

- Art. II.2. further details on voluntary guarantee submitted by a coordinator.
- Article II.4.4: Certificate on Financial Statements (CFS): possibility of voluntary submission of a CFS below EUR 375,000 threshold; possibility that it covers only part of the costs, with the consequence that the counter will be re-set to the amount not covered by the CFS.
- Article II.4.4: Confirmation that if the Commission has carried out an audit of the costs incurred by a beneficiary in a given period, the Commission can waive the obligation for the audit certificate for that period.
- Article II.14.2: Third parties of Special Clause 10 will submit CFS only when their individual EU contribution reaches the EUR 375,000 threshold of EU contribution.
- Art. II.19 Exemption from the obligation to generate interest on pre-financing: extension of the exemption from the obligation to generate interest on pre-financing to include not only the opening but also the operating of an interest-bearing bank account.
- Art. II.14: Further details on cost eligibility of bank charges, flat rate for daily subsistence and accommodation, parental leave, travel costs, bonus payments, recruitment costs etc.
- Art. II.14: Inclusion of a web link to a list of taxes/charges which have been examined and declared eligible/not eligible under FP7.
- Art. II.16: Clarifications on the activities which may be charged under the category "other costs", including "Management costs".
- Annex III: Specific explanations for ERA-Net + and Research for SMEs.

#### ♣ **FP7 Financial Helpdesk Newsletter #40 Contents:**

[Upcoming Finance Helpdesk Workshops](#)

[Finance Helpdesk on Twitter](#)

[FP7 "Budget Table" Tool is updated](#)

[FREE downloadable FP7 book V2.10 available now](#)

[Marie Curie Financial Guidelines](#)

[Horizon 2020 latest Documents](#)

[Horizon 2020 Revamped Website](#)

[Some FAQs from Horizon 2020 Website](#)

[Summary of current Key Horizon 2020 Financial Plans](#)

To view the full Finance Helpdesk Newsletter #40, please click [here](#).

## NWO deadlines

Deadlines NWO open calls (NB a number of calls close at other times than 17.00!)

### All NWO areas

Area	Grant	Type	Deadline	Remark
All	<a href="#">Rubicon</a>	Personal	3 Apr 2012	Fellowship for postdoc immediately after PhD
All	<a href="#">Vidi</a>	Personal	2 Oct 2012	Fellowship, eligible 3-8 years after PhD
All	<a href="#">Vici</a>	Personal	29 Mar 2012	Fellowship, eligible 8-15 years after PhD
All	<a href="#">Doctoral grant for teachers</a>	Personal	27 Mar 2012	For obtaining PhD for teachers in primary, secondary, vocation and special education
All	<a href="#">Aspasia</a>	Personal	Continuous	For career advancement females from UD to UHD position
All	<a href="#">Cooperation China, JSTP</a>	Cooperation	10 April 2012	For organisation dialogue seminars (10-15 scientists from each side)
All	<a href="#">Samenwerking Duitsland (DFG)</a>	Cooperation	Continuous	For exchange of personnel in joint research programme
All	<a href="#">Samenwerking Japan (JSPS)</a>	Travel grant	Continuous	For travel costs or costs related to the organisation of a seminar
All	<a href="#">Samenwerking Taiwan (NSC)</a>	Travel grant	Continuous	For travel costs or costs related to the organisation of a seminar
All	<a href="#">Samenwerking China (NSFC)</a>	Travel Grant	Continuous	For travel costs or costs related to the organisation of a seminar
All	<a href="#">Samenwerking Zuid-Korea (KOSEF)</a>	Travel Grant	Continuous	For travel costs or costs related to the organisation of a seminar
All	<a href="#">Bezoekersbeurs</a>	Travel grant	Continuous	For work visit excellent senior researcher
All	<a href="#">Big Grid reken- en data faciliteiten</a>	Facility	Continuous	For application e-science in scientific research
All	<a href="#">Rekentijd nationale computersystemen</a>	Facility	Continuous	Computing time for scientific research
All	<a href="#">NWO Stimuleringsfonds Open Access</a>	Publications	Continuous	Different tools to stimulate Open Access publications
NCF	<a href="#">Nationale Computer Faciliteiten: grants programma parallelisatie</a>	Facility	Continuous	For parallelisation work for software for supercomputers

## Bèta Areas

EW	<a href="#">Open competition EW</a>	Project	15 Feb 2012	For one person research project (PhD or postdoc)
ALW	<a href="#">Open programma algemene levenswetenschappen</a>	Project	Continuous	Bottom-up proposals in Life Sciences
MaGW, ALW, ZonMW, GW	<a href="#">Hersenen &amp; Cognitie een geïntegreerde benadering</a>	Project	Continuous	Call for interdisciplinary education, e.g. summer schools
ZonMw	<a href="#">TOP ZonMW</a>	Project	Continuous	For groundbreaking medical research
CW	<a href="#">Athena</a>	Personal	Continuous	For future female UD in Chemistry
EW	<a href="#">Leraar in onderzoek</a>	Personal	Continuous	For scientific internship of highschool teachers
ALW	<a href="#">Integrated Ocean Drilling Programme</a>	Facility	Continuous	For ocean drilling that supports research
ALW	<a href="#">Wetenschappelijke bijeenkomsten</a>	Conference	Continuous	For organisation scientific meetings
EW	<a href="#">Incidentele steun voor forumfunctie</a>	Conference	Continuous	For organisation meetings
EW, ALW, ZonMw, STW	<a href="#">Samenwerking Zuid-Korea (KOSEF)</a>	Travel grant or seminar	Continuous	For travel costs or costs related to the organisation of a seminar
N, CW, EW, ALW, ZonMw	<a href="#">Samenwerking China (NSFC)</a>	Travel grant or seminar	Continuous	For travel costs or costs related to the organisation of a seminar