The Van Gogh Programme is a travel grant that promotes exchanges between researchers in projects focused on developing science in a specific field of expertise. These projects usually involve fundamental research where multinational teams use each other’s facilities, unique collections and research methods.

Are you interested in research cooperation with French researchers? Are you looking for means to help pay for the costs of visits to start up the cooperation? Then the Van Gogh Programme may be the grant for you!
“The travel grant stimulates a strong interaction between two research groups! Funding is available not just for applicants (professors), but also for PhD students and postdocs, all in one single application.”

Who can apply?
Application is open to excellent researchers with an outstanding tenure track and international exposure. You have to be employed by a Dutch research and knowledge centre that collaborates with French researchers [or would like to].

An important prerequisite is that young researchers, especially PhD students and postdoc students, actively participate in the project and exchange visits.

Your French colleagues can apply for a travel grant from the French Van Gogh Programme via Campus France.

“The relatively small amount of money is really effective in fostering collaboration. Thanks to short visits to each other’s laboratories researchers can build a joint research program. And joint supervision of PhD students really helps to work on the same research problem.”

Conditions
- The grant amount is between €1,500 and €3,200 per research team.
- The grants may only be used for travel and accommodation expenses from Dutch researchers travelling to France.
- Travel costs are covered up to a maximum of €350 per person per return trip.
- Accommodation costs are covered up to a maximum of €110 per person per day.

How to apply?
Please visit www.wilweg.nl/vangoghprogramme for more details on the criteria and how to apply.

Selection
Dutch and French experts in the field will review the applications submitted by the research teams. Only applications that have been positively reviewed by both the French and Dutch experts, will be taken into consideration for a travel grant.

Timeframe
- Submission deadline for new applications: 15 June 2020
- Submission deadline for extensions: 14 September 2020
- Grant award date: December 2020
- Project starting date: January 2021

Questions?
If you need more information or if you have any questions, please email vangogh@nuffic.nl. Or visit www.wilweg.nl/vangoghprogramme