



Guidelines Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation for Comparative Psychology

General information

The Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation was established by S.L. van Stolk on 1 February 1950 and transferred to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2005. The Foundation's objective is to fund scientific research by Dutch researchers or researchers working at Dutch institutes in the field of comparative psychology. To be eligible for funding, the proposed research must focus on animal behaviour; this includes fields as behavioural biology and psychology, but excludes research focussing mainly on humans, such as human neurobiology or psychology.

The guidelines for applying for funding from the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation have been in effect since July 1st 2019 and will remain so until the Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation announces new guidelines.

Who may apply and what the funding covers

- University graduates, PhD students or PhDs who are either Dutch nationals and/or who work for a Dutch research institution may apply for funding to cover the cost of research, study trips to visit foreign research groups or the organisation of symposiums. Applications submitted by non-graduates/master students are not eligible for funding.
- The proposed research must have a primary focus on animal behaviour; this includes fields such as behavioural biology and psychology, but excludes research focusing on humans, such as human neurobiology or psychology.
- Funding cannot be used to cover the cost of items considered to be part of an institute's standard equipment or the proposed researcher's normal work programme.
- Funding cannot be used to cover salaries, courses, dissertations, or conference presentations or attendance. Applications for funding to cover costs already incurred in on-going research will be rejected.
- The annual amount available in funding is € 49,000. The size of the funding award will be established on a case-by-case basis, but will generally be between € 2,000 and € 6,000.

How to apply and when

- You may apply for funding once a year (deadline of 15 October) using the digital application form. Download the digital application form from www.knaw.nl/dobberke.
- You must submit the following documents (attachments) along with the application form:
 - A brief CV.
 - A description of the research question and the approach (methods and techniques) taken in the proposed project (no more than two A4 sheets).
 - A brief summary of the budget (no more than 1 A4 sheet).
- Non-PhDs must submit a letter of recommendation by a senior researcher (a researcher with a minimum of four years of postdoctoral research experience) stating that he/she supports the relevant funding application and the nature and scale of project supervision.
- An application is submitted as soon as the applicant receives a confirmation of receipt from the KNAW.

Assessment and selection criteria

- The Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation assesses the funding applications and whether or not to award them.



- Applications will be assessed on their scientific quality and their suitability regarding the aims of the foundation to fund comparative psychology with a focus on animal behaviour.
- If the total amount of all suitable applications exceeds the available funding budget, applications may be rejected or partial grants may be awarded.
- The processing time for applications is usually two months.

Other funding terms and conditions

- 1 By accepting the funding award, the recipient undertakes to abide by these guidelines, as well as by any terms and conditions stipulated separately by the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation. Failure to comply with one or more of these guidelines may result in a demand for repayment of some or all of the funding.
- 2 The funding recipient undertakes to adhere to the proposal submitted to the Board of the Foundation. Any changes require the prior consent of the Board of the Foundation.
- 3 A maximum of eighty percent of the amount awarded may be requested as an advance. After submitting the final report (see point 5), the recipient may request payment of the remainder.
- 4 Should the funding recipient incur expenses exceeding the maximum funding amount, he/she will be responsible for covering the extra costs.
- 5 Within three months after the end of the project, the funding recipient must submit a final report to the Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation consisting of a short research report and a brief and transparent summary of the costs. You must use the form that can be downloaded from www.knaw.nl/dobberke.
- 6 All print or web publications arising from the project must state that the research or publication was made possible in part by the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation, writing the name of the foundation exactly as given. This statement may be made in the 'Acknowledgements' section of the publication.
- 7 If the applicant has applied for or received funding for the proposed project from elsewhere, he/she must report this in the funding application. Any additional funding to the project received subsequent to awards made by the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation must be stated in the final report, after which the Foundation will decide whether and how much will be deducted from the original amount it has made available.
- 8 If the funding recipient is unable to comply with the terms under which the grant was awarded owing to a lengthy illness, an accident or some other reason, or if he/she fails to comply with the Foundation's terms and conditions, funding may be withdrawn. A request to postpone the project may be submitted to the Board of the Foundation.

Need more information?

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