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Guidelines Academy Ter Meulen Grant 2021

Article 1 General provisions

- 1 The Academy Ter Meulen Grant (hereafter: the grant) was established in 1982 by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) to promote outstanding scientific research in the field of pediatric medicine. An annual maximum of € 208.000 is available.
- 2 The grant is awarded annually.
- 3 The grant is financed by the Academy Medical Sciences Fund.
- 4 The grant consists of a sum not exceeding € 25.000 (in words: twenty-five thousand euros).

Article 2 Conditions for applications

Applications can be submitted by promising young researchers who:

- a. are affiliated with an academic institution in the Netherlands;
- b. are PhD students **or** who have obtained their PhD no more than four years previously, The [Academy Extension Arrangement](#) applies.

Article 3 Conditions for activities

Activities for which researchers may apply for a grant must meet the following conditions:

- a. they must concern a research project or working visit abroad;
- b. the research project or working visit make an innovative contribution to pediatrics or related areas of medicine;
- c. the stay abroad must be for a minimum of 1 month and a maximum of 12 consecutive months;
- d. the stay abroad must start between 1 July 2021 and 1 July 2022.

Article 4 Conditions for funding

- 1 The applicant may apply for the following forms of funding:
 - a. costs of travel to and from the foreign destination (based on second class train or economy class airplane);
 - b. monthly accommodation costs at the foreign destination;
 - c. a cost-of-living allowance, but only if the applicant is not receiving a (full) salary and/or other financial assistance or income during this period.
- 2 The grant is intended solely for the applicant.

Article 5 Conditions for submission

- 1 Applications must be submitted by e-mail using the application form made available by the KNAW and accompanied by the requested attachments. An application is considered to have been submitted when the applicant receives confirmation of receipt from the KNAW.
- 2 The application form with the requested attachments must be sent to wetenschapsfondsen@knaw.nl before the closing date set by the KNAW. Applications that have not been submitted by this deadline will not be considered.
- 3 Members of the KNAW Board and of the assessment committee may not submit or co-submit applications.

Article 6 Task, composition and procedures of the assessment committee

- 1 The KNAW Board will install an assessment committee for the Academy Medical Sciences Fund whose task will be to assess the applications for the grant and to decide on the award of a grant on the Board's behalf.
- 2 The assessment committee will consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of five members, including the chair. Its members will be appointed for four years.



- 3 At least two members, including the chair, are members of the KNAW.
- 4 All decisions by the assessment committee will be taken by majority vote.
- 5 Members of the assessment committee must adhere to the Academy Code of Conduct Governing Conflicts of Interest for Awards, Memberships and Funding [*Gedragcode belangenverstrengeling prijzen, lidmaatschappen en subsidies*].
- 6 The KNAW will appoint an executive secretary to assist the assessment committee.

Article 7 Assessment criteria

The assessment committee will use the following criteria to assess applications submitted for a grant:

- a. the applicant's scientific merits, as evidenced by the CV;
- b. the quality of the research project or working visit, with particular attention going to:
 - the clarity of the research question;
 - the relevance for the development of pediatric medicine;
 - added value of the research project or working visit in the country to be visited;
 - the feasibility of the research project or working visit given the designated timeframe and the available resources and/or revenues generated by the research project or working visit;
 - the budget with distribution of the costs over the items.

Article 8 Conferral

- 1 Applicants will be notified within two months after the deadline for submitting applications about the decision of the assessment committee.
- 2 In the case a grant is awarded, the grant conditions in the attachment to these guidelines apply.

Attachment 1

Grant conditions Academy Ter Meulen grant

- 1 The Academy Ter Meulen grant has been awarded on the basis of the budget you have specified in your application. In the case that you are awarded other grants for the same purpose after being awarded the Academy Ter Meulen grant, you should state this in the final accountability, after which it will be assessed whether and to what extent the other grants will be deducted from the awarded grant.
- 2 The Academy Ter Meulen grant should be spent in the period specified in the grant letter.
- 3 If there are valid reasons for deviating from the approved budget or spending period, the recipient must submit a change request to the Academy on time.
- 4 A maximum of 1 change request can be submitted during the course of the research project/working visit.
- 5 The recipient may request 80 percent of the awarded grant as an advance of the grant.
- 6 This request cannot be made earlier than 1 month before the start of the research project/working visit.
- 7 Within three months after the research project/working visit has been ended, the recipient should submit a final accountability to the KNAW by email. The final accountability consists of a report on the research project/working visit and a financial account. The form for the final accountability is available [on the website of the KNAW](#).
- 8 The KNAW determines the definite amount of the grant on the basis of the final accountability.
- 9 If the recipient does not submit the final accountability on time, the grant may be withdrawn by the KNAW and any advance payment may be reclaimed.
- 10 The grant can be reclaimed, up to 5 years after determination, if the KNAW has sufficient reasons to believe that the recipient and/or third parties engaged by the recipient have violated scientific standards in the application, implementation and or reporting of the research project/working visit.



These standards are laid down in national and international documents, placed in the List of Basic Documents for Scientific Integrity, which is available [on the KNAW website](#).

- 11 The recipient must state in all publicity communications and publications arising from the research project/working visit that the research project/working visit was made possible (in part) by the Academy Ter Meulen grant of the Academy Medical Sciences Fund of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts & Sciences (KNAW).
- 12 The KNAW announces on the KNAW website that the recipient has been awarded an Academy Ter Meulen grant. If the recipient does not agree with the publication of her/his details (name, research institution and title and short summary of research project/working visit) on the website, the recipient must inform the KNAW of this within one week of receiving the grant letter.