**Young Scientist Travel Grant**

**Huub and Julienne Spiertz Fund / Broekemafonds**

**Call 2023**

The goal of both the HJS Fund and the Broekemafonds is to encourage young scientists in the field of agrobiology, crop science and plant breeding, with a particular focus on sustainable food production, to at an international level communicate their research findings (e.g. conference) or interact with other scientists (e.g. working visit).

To this end, depending on the number of eligible submissions, we annually award 2-4 grants of € 750,- to 1500,- (max.) to young scientists who want to visit a foreign university / research institute or an international conference, of which one grant will be awarded to an application where the work is focussed on plant production or plant breeding in the Netherlands. Grants can be spent on travel, accommodation and registration fees.

Criteria and guidelines for application.

* Applicants must be:
	+ A PhD candidate or post-doc of Wageningen University
	+ Registered at a Graduate School of Wageningen University
	+ Younger than 35 years
* The scope of the intended research visit or conference must clearly fall under the scope of the call as mentioned above.
* The intended research visit or conference must occur after August 1 2023 and before July 1 2024
* Online participation is not granted
* A complete Application Form
* An application consists of:
	+ C.V. with a recent photo of the applicant
	+ Letter of motivation (max 300 words)
	+ Letter of support (for PhD candidates the Promotor, for postdocs the PI)
	+ In case of a research visit:
		- The intended programme with name(s) of institute(s) and duration of the visit.
		- Letter of invitation from the visiting institute (note that visiting institute may not be part of the research project of the applicant)
		- Budget, co-funding and amount requested
	+ In case of a conference:
		- Conference title, programme and location
		- Abstract of the presentation (note: applicant is only eligible for the grant when a poster or oral presentation will be presented)
		- Letter of acceptance of presentation and participation
		- Budget (including conference fee, co-funding and amount requested)
		- Letter of support from the supervisor / PI.
	+ All documents of the application must be submitted in 1 PDF file.
* Applications must be submitted before 15 June 2023 to: claudius.vandevijver@wur.nl
* Applicants will be informed within 4 weeks whether they have obtained the grant.
* In case a grant is awarded, the HJS Fund / Broekemafonds must be named as a source of funding in the communication and PR regarding the activity funded.
* When awarded, payment of the grant will occur by the University Fund Wageningen (UFW) on a 80-20 basis (80% prior and 20% paid after to event when expenses have been justified and a short report has been submitted within two month after the travel. Send this to Arianne van Ballegooij (arianne.vanballegooij@wur.nl).

Evaluation Committee:

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For more information see the [HJSF website](http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Benefactors/For-Applicants/Huub-en-Julienne-Spiertz-Fund.htm).

**Deadline June 15th 2023**