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**Criteria Marina van Damme grant 2021**

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**Introduction**

The Marina van Damme grant will be awarded for the fourth time by University Fund Wageningen (UFW). The objective of the Marina van Damme fund is to support talented female alumni of Wageningen University & Research (WUR) in a next step or at a turning point in their professional careers.

**The grant**

The grant consists of an amount of 9,000 euros and is intended for the extension or broadening of knowledge or for an international orientation in the form of a study, internship or project.

**Conditions for participation**

You can register yourself for the Marina van Damme grant or notify other women to nominate themselves. Naturally you have to meet a number of assessment criteria and you need to submit a plan showing developments you have experienced since graduating, including Curriculum Vitae, what your ambition and motivation are, what steps you intend to take for this and how you would like to use the grant for that purpose. This plan must be drawn up by the candidate herself.

**The jury uses the following assessment criteria:**

- Candidates must have obtained a **technical master's degree** or **technical PhD** at WUR (excluding Social Sciences and Leisure)
- The parents of the candidates do not have an academic title (do not have a master's degree, or comparable)
- The application shows the impact on the personal development of the candidate (it must be an innovative and / or cross-disciplinary step or turning point in their career, or towards a strong international orientation that is achieved by working together with one or more prominent foreign institutions).
- Preferred are women with a built up professional career (at least three years of experience), however women at the start of their careers can appeal to the grant when their application meets the third criterion to a large extent
- The application is feasible
- The application is realized at a recognized educational or research institute or company
- The application must clearly state the necessity of the grant for the realization of the professional track
- The application must show how the candidate continuous to build on her previous educational track
- It is an advantage if you fulfil an example function

NB: It is permitted, and it can even support the nomination, that an application receives additional funding from other funds. It is therefore desirable and advisable to explicitly mention additional applications in the application.

The grant is explicitly not intended to (co) finance a PhD project. Applications aimed at an educational track or courses at the same university where the Master's degree or a PhD has been obtained will not be accepted.

### **Registration**

With application please send the following three documents:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Plan of action
3. Planning and Budget

Your plan of action must include (max 3 pages, excluding CV and attachments):

- A short description of your career so far
- A brief description of the intended step or turning point in the professional track of the candidate and the importance with regard to the personal development
- A brief explanation of how the grant will be used to take the intended step or turn, supported by a letter of recommendation / letter of admission by a professor or institute where the degree programme will be followed
- A description of any applications with other funds for this same plan
- Confirmation that your parents do not have an academic title

### **The follow-up procedure**

All nominations will be judged by a jury. Depending on the number of applications, the jury is free to invite a small number of women to present their plan. The winner of the grant will have four years to implement her plan. Exceptional situations are being discussed by University Fund Wageningen (UFW) in consultation with Ms. Van Damme or a representative of the Van Damme network. UFW will monitor you in the progress of your plan.

### **Deadline**

The deadline for submitting a nomination is **September 13<sup>th</sup> 2021, 23:59**.

Established by the board of the Stichting Universiteitsfonds Wageningen and the jury

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