

Wageningen,
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To: all WIMEK research leaders (by email)

Subject: Call for WIMEK Research Fellowships 2020

WIMEK invites you to submit a WIMEK research fellowship application, starting in 2020. Applications for the **first call** should be sent to the WIMEK secretariat **before 24 November 2019**. The deadline for applications for the second call is 15 May 2020 (if there is still budget left, but that was not the case in the past few years).

The objectives of the WIMEK research fellowship grants are to strengthen the international cooperation with foreign research groups and research institutes at academic level and to stimulate the scientific quality of research within WIMEK. Grants are meant for non-Dutch scientists from abroad who want to work for a short period of time (up to 3 months) at Wageningen University (e.g. as part of a sabbatical) and for non-Dutch scientists from abroad who want to elaborate a Veni or Vidi proposal for a research topic carried out at a WIMEK chair group. Joint applications of Wageningen University groups with one or more collaborative partners are also possible. Please note that the WIMEK research fellowship grants are not meant for (extra) visits of current WUR sandwich PhD candidates.

There are 3 research fellowship categories:

A. Senior grants for international top scientists in a specific research area for a period of 2 - 4 weeks (often as part of a profiling workshop). The research grant involves max. € 3.500 and can also include material costs related to the organization of a profiling workshop. Expenses are reimbursed based on real costs. A detailed budget should be attached to the application.

B. Senior grants with a duration of 1 - 3 months of € 1.400 per month plus a contribution to travel costs of max. € 1.000 (based on real costs). The candidate should have a PhD title plus at least 3 years postdoctoral experience or must have shown long-term experience as senior scientist. This category also include senior grants with a duration of max. 3 months of € 1.400 per month plus a contribution to travel costs of max. € 1.000 (based on real costs) meant to write a NWO Vidi application (Vidi deadline: expected October 2020).

C. Junior grants with a duration of 1 - 3 months of € 1.200 per month plus a contribution to travel costs of max. € 1.000 (based on real costs). The candidate should have at least an MSc title. This category also includes junior grants for candidates with a recently obtained PhD title for a period of max. 3 months of € 1.200 per month plus a contribution to travel costs of max. € 1.000 (based on real costs) meant to write a NWO Veni application (Veni deadline: expected January 2020). WGS offers Veni candidates a coaching and training trajectory from mid-September – mid-December 2020.

The total available WIMEK budget for 2020 is approx. € 40.000. The budget could be divided over two calls (depending on the quality of the proposals in the first round).



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Assessment criteria

Criteria used for assessment of proposals are:

- The quality of the candidate as shown in a Curriculum Vitae and publication list.
- The long-term strategic importance of collaboration with the research institute or university of the candidate. The proposals have to show why the long-term collaboration with this institute is important.
- The quality and relevance of the research proposed to WIMEK research. In case of a senior fellowship the proposals should also indicate which WIMEK educational activity might benefit from the candidate.
- In case of a workshop (category A) application: a detailed workshop budget should be attached to the application.

Only one proposal for each collaborative partner abroad will be eligible for funding.

Report

If granted, WIMEK expects a report from the applicants after the fellowship has ended in which activities of the candidate in Wageningen, results of the stay and the additional value of the fellowship to the research group(s) involved as well as WIMEK are described.

Criteria used for assessment of proposals for Veni and Vidi candidates are:

- The quality of the candidate as shown in a Curriculum Vitae and publication list.
- Quality, innovative nature and academic impact of the proposed research.
- The application form includes a description of specific qualities of the candidate (max 250 words) and research outline (max 1.000 words). The research has to fit into the WIMEK research programme. Output of the stay must be a Veni proposal (in the forthcoming round – expected January 2021) or Vidi proposal (in the October 2020 round).

Report

In case of Veni and Vidi candidates you can send a copy of the Veni or Vidi application to the WIMEK secretariat.

Please find enclosed a *WIMEK Research Fellowship application form*.

The application form (word file), the Curriculum Vitae and a publication list of the candidate should be mailed to the WIMEK secretariat: Johan.Feenstra@wur.nl.

Kind regards,



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