**GUIDELINES**

**Young Scientist Travel Grant**

**Huub and Julienne Spiertz Fund**

**Call 2024**

**Deadline June 21, 23.58 hrs**

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

To this end, 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. One of the grants 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.

If the maximum grant of 1500 euro is requested, argumentation is needed.

**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 applicant must indicate the added value of the research visit or conference (personal and for Wageningen) as well as the manner in which the visit will be funded (co-funding sources)
* The intended research visit or conference must occur after September 1 2024 and before June 15 2025
* Online participation is not granted
* [A complete Application Form](https://www.wur.nl/en/show/Application-Form-HJS-Fund-Broekemafonds-2020.htm)
* 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 and if the maximum grant is requested a clear argumentation
  + 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) and if the maximum grant is requested a clear argumentation
    - Letter of support from the supervisor / PI.
  + All documents of the application must be submitted in 1 PDF file.
* Applications must be submitted before June, 21, and sent to: [claudius.vandevijver@wur.nl](mailto: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 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 [ufw@wur.nl](file:///\\wurnet.nl\dfs-root\Concernstaf\Waardecreatie\UFW\7.%20Fondsen%20op%20naam\3.%20Fondsen%20op%20Naam\09296%20-%20Spiertz%20Fonds%20(HJS),%20Huub%20&%20Julienne\Curatorium\2024-04-30%20curatoriumoverleg\ufw@wur.nl)

Evaluation Committee:

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* Prof dr Katrien Descheemaker, full professor in Plant Production Systems
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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).