

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

Subject: Call for WIMEK Research Fellowships 2024

WIMEK invites you to submit WIMEK research fellowship applications, starting in 2024 (maximum one application per chair holder). Applications for the **first call** should be sent to the WIMEK secretariat **before 30 November 2023, 12:00 hrs**. The deadline for applications for the second call is 10 May 2024 (if there is still budget left).

The objectives of the WIMEK research fellowship grants are to strengthen the international collaboration 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) as guest researcher at your chair group (for example as part of a sabbatical) and / or to elaborate a Veni or Vidi proposal for a research topic carried out at a WIMEK chair group. Please note that the WIMEK research fellowship grants are not meant for (extra) visits of current WUR scholarship 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 or conference). The research grant involves max. € 4.000 and can also include material costs related to the organization of a profiling workshop or conference. 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 € 1.800 per month plus a contribution to travel costs of max. € 1.000 (based on expected 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 includes senior grants with a duration of max. 3 months meant to write an NWO Vidi application (Vidi deadline: closing date pre-registration is expected October 2024).

C. Junior grants with a duration of 1 - 3 months of € 1.500 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 meant to write an NWO Veni application (Veni deadline: closing date for pre-registration expected September 2024; closing date full application expected January 2025). WGS offers Veni candidates a coaching and training trajectory from mid-September – mid-December 2024.

The total available WIMEK budget for 2024 is approx. € 47.000. 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 ([WIMEK's Grand Challenges](#)). 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.

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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