

# Rob Goldbach Fund (RGF)

## Permanent Call

### for Early Career Scientist Travel Grants

The goal of the RGF is to encourage young scientists in the field of Virology to communicate their research findings and interact at an international level with researchers in the field. To this end, the RGF intends to award grants of max. € 1.000,- to young scientists who want to pay a work visit to a foreign university / research institute or to participate in an international conference abroad.

Note that when the research scope of the candidate's activity is very specific the applicant must clearly demonstrate the link to the general scope of the call as mentioned above.

#### 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 and PhD-candidates must defend their thesis at Wageningen University

Individual persons can get an RGF travel grant only once in their career. If you apply for funding to multiple UFW Funds for the same work visit or conference (e.g. the LEB Travel fund), the same expenses cannot not be reimbursed twice. Please contact [ufw@wur.nl](mailto:ufw@wur.nl) if you need clarification.

Applications consist of:

- C.V.
- Motivation letter (max 300 words)
- Letter of support (for PhD candidates the promotor or the co-promoter, for postdocs the group leader)
- Realistic budget covering all costs, co-funding and amount requested
- In case of a research visit:
  - The aim and intended programme of the visit with name(s) of institute(s) and the scientific contact in charge of the visit over there, the goal of the visit, and the duration of the visit.
  - Letter of invitation from the visiting institute
- In case of an international 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 (this may not be available at the moment of submission of this request, but should be provided before the grant can be paid to you).

All required documents of the application must be submitted to [office.viro@wur.nl](mailto:office.viro@wur.nl) in a single PDF file. The call is permanently open, but after the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month the submitted proposals will be evaluated and applicants will normally be informed before the end of that same month whether they have been awarded with a grant. When awarded, payment of the grant will occur by the University Fund Wageningen (UFW) after the travel/event has taken place. Payment can occur after the UFW has received a short report and justification of the expenses (incl. copies of receipts) within two months after travelling. Exceptionally an advance of max 75% can be granted, for which a request with reasons is required. This will also be indicated in the official letter that you will receive from the UFW upon acceptance of your request.

Note that in case a grant is awarded, the Rob Goldbach Fund must be named as a source of funding in the communication and PR regarding the activity funded.

#### Evaluation Committee:

- Prof. Dr. M.M. van Oers, professor of Virology
- Dr. Ir. Richard M. Kormelink, associate professor Virology

If you have other virology related plans that do not fall under the description given in this call, but that might in principle be co-funded by the RGF, please contact Monique van Oers.

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