

Dutch Kidney Foundation

Kolff+ Student Researcher Grant



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The Dutch Kidney Foundation (DKF) Grant Requirements ('Subsidievoorwaarden Nierstichting Nederland') apply to all awarded DKF subsidies as well as all proposals for DKF subsidies. Applicability of general and other conditions of the applicant, the applicant's institute and of third parties is explicitly excluded.

Disclaimer

Positive DKF grant award decisions are conditional on DKF revenues and budgetary means. The DKF explicitly reserves the right to cancel a grant scheme, to suspend a running procedure or to lower a grant amount in relation to earlier statements.

Grant

The Student Researcher Grant is an initiative of the Dutch Kidney Foundation (DKF). The advisory board for this call is the Scientific Board (Wetenschappelijke Raad, WR). The DKF Program Committee (PC) has decision authority.

Scope

This call is open to all topics relevant to kidney patients and/or prevention of (progression of) chronic kidney disease (except renal cancer) and to all types of research ranging from basic to implementation and from behavioural to social to medical research, within the conditions of this grant.

Behavioural science and social science are broadly conceived, examples of relevant disciplines are psychology, health care science, nursing science, sociology, sexuality studies, gerontology, social work and cognitive science.

Aim

- Attracting and retaining talented students in the field of renal research and nephrology.
- Stimulation of the scientific infrastructure and quality of nephrological research in the Netherlands. The applicant is working at a research institute in the Netherlands.

Applicant

The grant is aimed at (bio)medical students who want to do renal research as extracurricular activity. Applications can be submitted throughout the year by the Student Researcher's supervisor.

Conditions

- The grant offers a compensation for a student working for an existing renal research project as extracurricular activity at a research institute in the Netherlands.
- The grant awards either € 300,- per month (for 1 day per week) or € 600,- per month (for 2 days per week) for 3 to 6 months.
- An additional budget up to € 550,- per month can be requested exclusively for costs for materials and consumables that derive directly from the Student Researcher Project.
- Part of the Student Researcher Project (up to 50% of its total duration) can be performed at a foreign research institute.
- The Student Researcher is registered as a student at a university in the Netherlands.
- The Student Researcher is registered with the Dutch and/or foreign university's liability insurance (bedrijfsaansprakelijkheidsverzekering).
- The Student Researcher's supervisor is working at a nephrology department of a university medical center in the Netherlands, or is or has been the project leader of a research project funded by the DKF within the research program within a period of 6 years before the proposal's date.

- If the proposal includes an internship abroad, the Student Researcher's supervisor in the institute abroad is the project leader abroad.
- The grant can be requested at most two times for the same student.
- No more than 1 Student Researcher per research project is allowed.
- The project should start within 4 months after the application date of the proposal.
- The grant application should have been submitted at least 1 month before the proposed start date of the project.
- The proposal is written in English and submitted using the Kolff+ Student Researcher Grant application form.
- Added to the proposal is a recommendation by the project supervisor in the Netherlands;
- If the research project is partly performed abroad, also added to the proposal is an invitation by the foreign project supervisor.

Assessment Procedure

Applications are assessed by the PC in shortened procedures. The PC assesses proposals on complying with the conditions, and on relevance and quality. If necessary, the WR can advise on a proposal. The PC has decision authority.

The DKF informs applicants on the decision on their grant proposals within six weeks after receiving the proposal.

Reporting

Within 3 months after the project's end date, the Student Researcher must submit the final report using a Kolff+ Student Researcher final report form. The final report includes an overall assessment score given by the project leader (Scoring system: poor – fair – average – good – excellent). The Student Researcher shall add copies of possible publications resulting from the project to the final report.

The PC assesses final reports and decides on approval. If necessary, the WR can advise. An assessment score of 'good' or 'excellent' by the Project Leader is a primary condition for approval. The grant's last payment is dependent on approval of the report in accordance with the DKF Grant Requirements and the letter of awarding.

Information

More information can be found on our [website](#). For questions about this call please contact the DKF, at research@nierstichting.nl or +31(0)35 697 8015.