

CVON CONTRAST 'Young Talent Program Vouchers'

The CONTRAST Young Talent Program (YTP) aims to stimulate and support young researchers in developing and evaluating high quality innovative scientific ideas across the entire range of stroke research, both in the clinical and/or population-based setting and in preclinical research.

CVON consortia contain an allocated budget for the (Young) Talent Program. The CONTRAST consortium employ part of this budget to offer young talents the opportunity to apply for a voucher of 50.000 euro.

Closing date: July 15, 2020 at 17.00 hours

Duration: 12-16 months;

Budget: 50 K€ per voucher;

Proposal: max. 1000 words conform application format.

Available vouchers: 2

Start of the two projects: November 1st, 2020.

Criteria

- The CVON CONTRAST YTP vouchers are open for applications from PhD students and from Post-Docs who have defended their thesis not longer than 5 years ago. Years in training for clinical specialist can be subtracted.
- The proposal should be innovative (not part of already funded work) and benefit the CONTRAST program.
- The proposal should have the potential of generating future funding, for example by generating pilot data, by initiating or supporting collaborations or by strengthening your CV.
- The proposal should have the potential of answering the research question(s) within one year.
- The proposal will need a letter of support from one of the CONTRAST Workpackage Leaders. (<https://www.contrast-consortium.nl/organization-investigators-collaborators-and-funders/>)
- If applicable, the applicant is willing to adhere to the CONTRAST infrastructure.

Application form

Proposals should be written in English, using the available CONTRAST YTP template. Proposals should clearly describe: the working plan, the background and hypothesis, how the study benefits the CONTRAST consortium and how the expected results may benefit the stroke community (max 1000 words).

A data management section must be part of the proposal and should be in line with data management of the CONTRAST consortium. Additionally, a complete budget should be included as well as your CV and a letter of support from a CONTRAST workpackage leader.

Selection Process

The evaluation and ranking of the projects will be done in collaboration with the International Advisory Board of CVON CONTRAST combined with ad hoc expert reviewers based on the following subjects:

- Originality and innovative character;
- Importance and relevance;
- Technical feasibility and technological innovativeness;
- Effectiveness of the approach;
- Potential utilization of knowledge;
- Accessibility (also in the longer term) of results for researchers and/or medical doctors other than those directly involved in the application;
- Quality and competence of applicant(s).

A presentation of your idea can be part of the selection process.

Expected date for communicating selected vouchers is beginning of September 2020.

Funding

- Funding will be 50,000 euro per voucher; 25.000 euro will be paid at the beginning of the project, and 25.000 euro after approval of the midterm report of the project.
- A midterm and final report of the project will be requested.
- Budget must be spent on personnel listed in the application or on consumables needed to perform the project described. It is not permitted to use the voucher to pay for overhead, administration costs, salary payments during pregnancy leave or sick leave or the employment of any other personnel than stated in the application.
- Staff and personnel cost must be based on the salary categories provided by the Dutch Heart Foundation.
- If costs for salary and materials do exceed the amounts awarded in these grants, your institution should commit scientifically and financially to your proposal. In case your project is granted, this commitment will be a condition before your project can start.
- Applicants must have a paid appointment in a knowledge institution/hospital for at least the duration of the application process and the proposal for which the grant is requested. Applicants with a temporary position, which ends during the period of the application process or duration of the proposed project, can only apply in case the knowledge institution or hospital states to guarantee the position of the applicant for the period of the project.
- Foundations and commercial parties can become co-funder in your project.
- In case of a possible premature discontinuation of the project, the CONTRAST Scientific Committee will decide if the grant should be returned and if so, whether it should be returned partly or completely.
- The granted project must be finished before 31-12-2021.

Deadline for proposals: July 15, 2020, 17.00h

Proposals can be sent to rick.vannuland@lygature.org,

The Young talent program of CONTRAST is chaired by Prof Dr L.J. Kappelle and Prof Dr P.J. Koudstaal.

For questions about this call, please contact:

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