

Information sheet
ParkinsonNederland
Training Grants

ParkinsonNederland Talent Programme

The ParkinsonNederland Talent Programme aims to build and sustain a strong, skilled, and innovative community of parkinsonism researchers in the Netherlands. Within this programme, the ParkinsonNederland Training Grants support early-career researchers by enabling short-term research visits to national or international research institutes.

Through the Talent Programme, ParkinsonNederland seeks to:

- Attract and support early-career researchers (PhD candidates and junior postdoctoral researchers, up to three years after obtaining their PhD) to engage in parkinsonism research in the Netherlands;
- Retain talented researchers (excellent junior and senior postdoctoral researchers without a permanent position, up to five years after their PhD) by enabling them to develop and strengthen independent research lines within the Dutch parkinsonism research field;
- Promote impact-driven, needs-based, and inclusive research practices, with attention to participation and diversity across the Dutch parkinsonism research community.

ParkinsonNederland Training Grants

The ParkinsonNederland Training Grants aim to strengthen parkinsonism research in the Netherlands by enabling early-career researchers to undertake short research visits and/or specialised training activities at national or international research centres or hospitals. These grants allow researchers to acquire new biomedical techniques or methodological expertise, and to subsequently implement this knowledge within their own research and institution.

Target group and eligible activities

This personal grant is intended for PhD candidates or postdoctoral researchers (up to 3 years after obtaining their PhD) who are affiliated with a Dutch research institute. An extension of this period may be granted in certain cases, for example in the event of maternity or caregiving leave (see appendix). Applicants conduct research on parkinsonism, encompassing Parkinson's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, and atypical parkinsonism (MSA, CBS, PSP).

The Training Grant can be applied for the following activities:

- Learning new experimental, clinical, or analytical techniques
- Methodological training in the context of ongoing or future parkinsonism research

Available funding

The maximum contribution per training activity or research visit is €3000. The maximum duration is six months. For shorter visits or training activities, funding will generally not exceed €500 per month. The Training Grant is intended to cover or contribute to eligible costs, such as travel and accommodation, bench fees, and/or training costs, up to the maximum available amount.

Submission and review

Applications can be submitted on a rolling basis, subject to the availability of funding. Applications must be fully approved by ParkinsonNederland prior to the start of the research visit or training activity.

Applications should be submitted via: research@parkinsonnederland.nl.

Application requirements:

- Completed application form (including a summary of the research plan, justification for the chosen institute or training activity, description of knowledge transfer to the home institute and/or Dutch parkinsonism research field, and budget)
- Invitation or acceptance letter from the host institute (if applicable)

Applicants will be informed by ParkinsonNederland of the outcome within four weeks of receipt of the complete application. This means that applications must be submitted at least four weeks prior to the start of the research visit.

Applications are assessed by the Project Team Knowledge & Impact. Where relevant, the chair of the ParkinsonNederland Advisory Board may be consulted. Assessment criteria include the scientific relevance of the research visit or training, its necessity and added value for the applicant, adequacy of the budget, and potential for knowledge transfer to the home institute and/or the Dutch parkinsonism research field.

Reporting and obligations

Within two months after completion of the research visit or training, a final report must be submitted. This report should include a scientific progress report, a financial overview of incurred costs, and a short summary in Dutch. The Dutch summary is intended for a broad, non-scientific audience and will be published on the ParkinsonNederland website.

Recipients of the Training Grant are required to acknowledge ParkinsonNederland in all scientific and non-scientific publications resulting from the research visit, including name and, where applicable, logo ([available for download here](#)). Recipients must also share relevant publications with ParkinsonNederland.

Terms and conditions ParkinsonNederland Training Grants

The awarded personal grant is intended solely to fund the approved research visit or training activities. ParkinsonNederland reserves the right to reclaim (part of) the grant if the research visit or training is not carried out, or not carried out in full.

Disclaimer

Grant awards and execution of this programme are conditional on ParkinsonNederland revenues and budget. ParkinsonNederland reserves the right to cancel, suspend, extend, or adjust grants if necessary.

Contact

For questions or clarifications: research@parkinsonnederland.nl

Appendix: Extension Clause

The ParkinsonNederland Training Grants are subject to an eligibility time limit following the completion of a PhD. Applicants who are unable to apply within this period may request an extension of this eligibility window. An extension may be granted in cases such as completion of clinical specialist training, maternity leave, parental leave, caregiving leave, or long-term sick leave. In all cases, the maximum extension is five years.

Prior to submitting an application, applicants must contact ParkinsonNederland via research@parkinsonnederland.nl to request an extension.

ParkinsonNederland follows the extension clause as [formulated by NWO](#).

Caring responsibilities as a parent

Extension for a parent is granted only if the child or children are part of the applicant's own household (this means that the child or children live at the applicant's address for at least 50% of the time). The birth mother gets an 18-month extension of the filing deadline per child. Another parent gets 6 months extension per child.

Care leave

A claim to care duties only applies to applicants who are/were demonstrably on registered care leave. In case of care leave for relatives in the first degree, formal reduction in working hours is compensated. The formal reduction in working hours after the (first) promotion date must be demonstrated by means of an overview of the leave registration of the Personnel & Organisation department of your employer.

Prolonged illness

In case of prolonged illness, the formal reduction in working time will be compensated. The formal reduction in working time must be demonstrated with an overview of the leave registration of your employer's Personnel & Organisation department.

Training as a clinical specialist

If you have completed training as a clinical specialist, it is also possible to claim an extension of the time since receiving the PhD. The total time spent training as a clinical specialist after promotion may be added to the grant deadlines. The courses for which extension can be requested can be found [here](#) on the NWO website.

To qualify for this extension, the applicant must attach the approved training plan and proof of BIG or KNMG registration to this form. If training and scientific research after a PhD were carried out simultaneously, for example in the case of a combination of postdoc and training, only the training time counts.

Combination of extension grounds

The grounds for extension above may be combined (for example, if you have been absent due to both care leave and long-term illness). The maximum combined extension is 5 years.