



Call for proposals

**Innovational Research Incentives Scheme
Grant brochure**

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

'Veni, vidi, vici' means 'I came, I saw, I overcame'. This is a message from the famous Roman general Julius Caesar to the Senate informing them of his quick victory (47 BC).

The shared opinion of the Minister for Education, Culture and Science (Science budget 2000), the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), the Association of Universities in the Netherlands (VSNU) and the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) that innovative research needed an extra boost, resulted in NWO, KNAW and the universities setting up the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme programme in 2000. Since then NWO has been able to award a grant to almost 2000 talented scientists. With a grant from the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme they have been able to deploy their talent in a way that would otherwise have not been possible for many of them.

The Innovational Research Incentives Scheme received a positive evaluation in 2007. Based on this the Minister made funding available for the continuation and expansion of the programme over a period of several years. The continuation and expansion of the funding for the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme means that NWO can continue to award grants to the best researchers and to retain them for Dutch science.

The programme covers three grant categories (Veni, Vidi and Vici). Each type of grant has a single call per year. Adjustments to the procedures can take place from year to year, partly as a result of interim evaluations.

The procedure and assessment of the applications by NWO divisions was expanded in 2009 to include a comparison in a wider competition in three so-called domains (Social sciences and Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Life Sciences) with several divisions participating in each domain. Based on the results of an internal evaluation in 2011, NWO has decided that from 2012 onwards Veni and Vidi applications will only be assessed within the NWO divisions. The additional evaluation in domains no longer applies to Veni and Vidi applications.

Submitters of Veni and Vidi applications with a clearly multidisciplinary character can choose to submit these 'cross-disciplinary proposals' to a separate portal NWO has created for this purpose (see 3.6 as well). These applications will be dealt with by a separate committee.

NWO has also decided that from 2012 onwards Vici applications will no longer be assessed by the separate NWO divisions but by a science-wide assessment procedure instead. Details of the Vici assessment procedure will be published on the website no later than the opening of the round concerned. A separate portal for cross-disciplinary Vici applications will therefore be scrapped.

From 2012 onwards all applicants from all scientific areas will be asked to detail the possibilities for knowledge utilisation. This utilisation aspect will always be included in the assessment by the referees and the review committee from 2012 onwards. This is an important change compared to the previous round in which providing information about the possibilities for valorising results from the research was optional. Please see Chapter 4 for further information about this.

Chapter 2 broadly outlines what the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme covers. More detailed information about the procedures and guidelines of the three types of grant can be found in the subsequent chapters.

PLEASE NOTE! Since 2011, applicants for Veni and Vidi may submit an application no more than two times and applicants for a Vici no more than three times. Please see Section 3.1.2 for further details about this.

1.2 Available budget

For the 2012 round of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme a total amount of 150 million euro is available.

1.3 Validity of the call for proposals

The brochure is valid for the submission period 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012.

2 Aim

The aim of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme is to facilitate innovation in scientific research. The Innovational Research Incentives Scheme is aimed at facilitating the progression of individual researchers¹ holding a PhD at different stages in their scientific career. The influx and career progression of talented researchers is vitally important for the universities. Establishing creative space for adventurous, talented, groundbreaking researchers to freely do research of their choice and the retention of these researchers for scientific research are therefore key aspects of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme. An individual grant allows researchers to develop their own innovative research line and structurally embed this within a research institute. Moreover, the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme offers Vidi and Vici candidates the opportunity to build up and/or expand their own research group.

2.1 Three target groups

The target group for the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme is made up of excellent researchers with a striking and original talent and a considerable fascination for doing challenging and groundbreaking research.

In view of the programme's aim, candidates must be clearly capable of independently formulating and realising a line of scientific research. Therefore candidates must already have demonstrated their ability in the discipline concerned. The Innovational Research Incentives Scheme focuses on the best researchers irrespective of their nationality. Foreign researchers may also submit an application. Awarded candidates belong to the best 10 to 20% of their cohort. They are also expected to be able to convince others of the originality and potential of their ideas. The Innovational Research Incentives Scheme with its three types of grant focuses on three different phases in the scientific career of researchers.

Veni is aimed at the excellent researcher who has recently gained his or her PhD and is at the start of his/her scientific career, but has already demonstrated a striking talent for doing scientific research.

Vidi is aimed at the excellent researcher who following his/her PhD has carried out several years of research and in doing this has demonstrated the ability to independently generate and effect innovative ideas.

Vici is aimed at the excellent senior researcher who has successfully demonstrated the ability to develop his/her own innovative line of research and the ability to act as a coach for young researchers.

2.2 Promoting female researchers

Women are particularly encouraged to submit proposals. The representation and advancement of women in science regrettably lags far behind that of men. NWO and the Ministry for Education, Culture and Science are committed to rectifying this situation and hope that KNAW, VSNU and the Dutch universities will contribute to these efforts so that more women submit applications and the percentage of female applicants is at least comparable to the percentage of female researchers in the target group. NWO guarantees that the awarding rates for female candidates both on average and in the medium-term will be at least as high as those for male candidates.

¹ In this brochure the term researchers refers to both men and women.

2.2.1 Aspasia

The Vidi and Vici rounds of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme are linked to the Aspasia premium scheme. Through this scheme premiums of 100,000 euros are made available to university executive boards who promote female Vidi and Vici laureates to an associate or full professorship within one year of the grant being awarded. Since the Vidi and Vici rounds of 2010, Aspasia has also been open to female applicants who were qualified as very good to excellent in the interview phase but who ultimately did not receive a grant. Executive boards receive a premium of 200,000 euros for promoting these applicants. The specific conditions for the awarding of the premium can be found on the Aspasia website (www.nwo.nl/aspasia). Female laureates who are eligible for the premium will be informed of this by NWO after the funding allocation.

2.2.2 Athena Chemical Sciences (CW)

Under the Athena programme a premium is granted to female researchers who have received a Veni grant from NWO Chemical Sciences and who during the course of the Veni project received a tenured appointment as an assistant professor at the university, or a comparable tenured position at a research institute. The premium is worth 100,000 euros and is granted to the Veni laureate for a maximum of 3 years. Further information can be found on the NWO website (www.nwo.nl/athena).

3 Guidelines for applicants

3.1 Who can apply

Applications can be submitted by candidates with or without a tenured position who come from either the Netherlands or abroad. The appointment is at one of the recipient research institutions (see 3.1.3).

3.1.1 Submission periods

Candidates who want to submit a Veni application can do this for up to 3 years after obtaining their PhDs, calculated from the date of the PhD award to the deadline of the round concerned.².

Candidates who want to submit a Vidi application can do this from 3 years and up to a maximum of 8 years after the awarding of their PhD, calculated from the date of the PhD award to the deadline of the round concerned².

Candidates who want to submit a Vici application can do this from 8 years and up to a maximum of 15 years after the awarding of their PhD, calculated from the date of the PhD award to the deadline of the round concerned².

The maximum periods stated can be extended by NWO in the event of long-term leave due to illness, parenting, pregnancy or a caregiver role. NWO can grant a maximum extension of 5 years.

Female researchers who have children will standardly receive an extension of 18 months per child. For male researchers a formal reduction in work time is compensated with a maximum of 1 year per child born in the period after the PhD was awarded.

An extension is also possible in the case of a part-time appointment in combination with caregiver tasks or in the case of a training course for a number of clinical specialisms. For cases of caregiver leave in combination with the training to become a clinical specialist the maximum extension that can be awarded is also 5 years.

Further information about the extension regulation is given under Frequently Asked Questions. If you wish to make use of the extension regulation then please contact NWO before you submit your application (see 5.1).

3.1.2 Specific conditions

The following specific conditions also apply to the assessment of the applications:

- a. Applications are made by individual researchers (and not by pairs or groups of researchers or by research groups). For Vidi and Vici one or more researchers should be appointed and supervised.
- b. A candidate may
 - submit a maximum of one application per type of grant per round;

² The upper limit of the period (Veni maximum 3 years, Vidi maximum 8 years, Vici maximum 15 years) is an absolute limit whereas the lower limit (Vidi at least 3 years, Vici at least 8 years) counts as an advice. Excellent candidates who received their PhD more recently than indicated by the lower limit may also submit an application but should then take into account the heavier competition.

- may not enter the application process for the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme for more than one type of grant at a time;
- **for Veni and Vidi an application can be submitted no more than twice³. For Vici an application can be submitted no more than three times⁴.**

c. The following limitations apply to researchers who have previously had a proposal awarded under the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme or the PIONIER programme:

- for each type of grant a researcher can only be awarded funding once and so for the same type of grant ⁵ may not submit another application;
- a researcher may submit an application for a following type of grant within the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme no more than 24 months before the planned end date of the current Innovational Research Incentives Scheme grant.

3.1.3 Institutions

Receiving institutions can be Dutch universities with a research task, KNAW and NWO institutes, and a number of other institutions (see 5.3 for contact addresses institutions). The criteria for the institutions can be found in the General Terms and Conditions of NWO Grants at www.nwo.nl.

3.2 What can be applied for

Within the framework of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme, NWO makes the grant available in the form of a premium payment:

- Veni with a maximum premium payment of 250,000 euros for a period of three years;
- Vidi with a maximum premium payment of 800,000 euros for a period of five years;
- Vici with a maximum premium payment of 1,500,000 euros for a period of five years.

The budget to be submitted with the application is based on the direct personnel and material costs for the research eligible for funding. The personnel costs are based on the actual gross salaries and the increments stated in the Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research (akkoord Bekostiging wetenschappelijk onderzoek), with the exception of indexing and the end of project remuneration. The size of these increments for the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme round 2012 can be determined using the standard percentages on the reference date of 1 July 2011. The combined percentage for the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme round 2012 works out at 54 percent. These increments apply to all personnel appointed by the institution at the expense of the project.

If the applicant does not use more than 25 percent of his/her appointment for secondary tasks (teaching/administration/management) then he/she may charge the entire salary to the project budget. If the applicant devotes more than 25 percent of his/her appointment to secondary tasks then the applicant may only charge to the project that part of the appointment spent on research.

³ Only applicants who had already submitted an application twice before 2011 may submit a third application via a transition arrangement.

⁴ For Vici a preproposal counts as an application.

⁵ A proposal award in the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme rounds 2000 and 2001 is considered to be a Vidi grant in this case. An application/award under the PIONIER programme is considered to be a Vici application.

For a Veni grant additional scientific personnel cannot be appointed. After the grant has been awarded, the Veni researcher should seek NWO's approval for the appointment of any additional personnel.

The direct material costs concern the general material costs, costs for knowledge transfer and knowledge utilisation and costs for internationalisation. Non-reimbursable costs are those for infrastructure (accommodation and office automation) and other overheads.

The budget submitted will be assessed by NWO. In the event that the budget submitted exceeds the premium payment of the grant then the institute or company should issue a guarantee with the submission of the application that they will cover the costs of the excess. This guarantee is signed by the institute manager/dean or somebody authorised within the company and is sent by post to NWO. The letter should be addressed to the NWO division that the application is submitted to (for addresses, see Section 3.6)

For a more detailed explanation and information about subsidisable costs, see www.nwo.nl/vi.

3.3 When can applications be submitted

- The next deadline for submitting Veni proposals is:
Thursday 5 January 2012.
- The next deadline for submitting Vidi proposals is:
Tuesday 2 October 2012.
- The next deadline for submitting Vici preproposals is:
Thursday 29 March 2012. The deadline for submitting full proposals is
Tuesday 28 August 2012.

Further information about the submission of applications can be found in Sections 3.6 and 4.1.

3.4 Drawing up an application

The application forms for the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme can be found two months before the deadline on the NWO website (www.nwo.nl/vi). The application/preproposal should be written in English and contains a:

- curriculum vitae of the candidate and a publication list;
- description of the research proposal (full proposal Veni maximum 2000 words, full proposal Vidi maximum 4000 words, Vici preproposals maximum 1200 words, Vici full proposal maximum 8000 words; excluding references);
- completed knowledge utilisation section (full proposal Veni maximum 750 words, full proposal Vidi maximum 1000 words, Vici preproposals maximum 500 words, Vici full proposal maximum 1000 words; excluding references);
- *budget.*

Veni candidates who have not yet gained their doctorates can only submit an application if they submit a declaration from the entire manuscript committee of a Dutch university stating that the PhD thesis manuscript has been approved (sent at the same time as the electronic submission of the application). Further information about this can be found on the NWO website (www.nwo.nl/vi).

3.5 Specific conditions

Candidates are free to choose the institution where they will carry out the research. In consultation with the research institute in the Netherlands where the candidate shall be employed, it is possible to conduct part of the research abroad. During the interview the plans of the candidate to realise a good embedding of the research at an institution can be discussed.

The appointment by and agreements with the institution should always be arranged before NWO actually pays out the grant. To this end the researcher concludes an agreement with the board/executive board of the institution concerned. In the agreement the receiving institution can indicate, for example, which perspectives and guarantees there are for the researcher and the research line after the grant period has ended.

A list with points of interest for the agreement between the laureate and the host institution will be sent with the award letter should a grant be awarded.

3.6 Submitting an application

Applications can only be submitted via the electronic application system Iris. For this the candidate needs to obtain a login code via the NWO website (www.iris.nwo.nl). Further information about Iris can be found on the NWO website. You are kindly requested to submit any technical questions about the system to the Iris helpdesk (www.iris.nwo.nl). Applications from the medical sciences can only be submitted via ProjectNet. The website of ZonMw (www.zonmw.nl) gives access to ProjectNet.

Veni and Vidi candidates submit their applications to NWO and in so doing choose a division that should handle their application. If the secretariat of a certain NWO division is of the opinion that the application can better be assessed by a different NWO division then in consultation with the applicant the application can be transferred to another division. No more than one division can be stated at any given time.

Applicants for a Veni or Vidi grant who wish to carry out research that exceeds the boundaries of NWO divisions can opt to submit the application as cross-disciplinary when they upload the electronic application. WOTRO Science for Global Development is responsible for the cross-disciplinary secretariat. In the application these candidates should argue which divisions the application relates to. If the cross-disciplinary secretariat is of the opinion that an application is not cross-disciplinary then in consultation with the applicant the application can be transferred to one of the NWO divisions. Conversely, if the secretariat of a certain NWO division is of the opinion that an application can better be assessed by the cross-disciplinary committee then in consultation with the applicant the application can be transferred to the cross-disciplinary secretariat.

As the Vici applications are assessed on a science-wide basis, Vici candidates can submit their application to a single central portal within NWO. However, applicants are requested to indicate under which NWO division their research falls and, if applicable, several divisions may be indicated. A separate portal for cross-disciplinary Vici applications will therefore be scrapped.

NWO receives any possible annexes (the signed approval of the thesis for researchers who have not yet gained their doctorate, or a guarantee in the event that the budget is exceeded) as separate PDF documents via the Iris system. The original documents should be sent to NWO by post within one week after the

submission date.

If the annexes are not available electronically then candidates can send these to NWO by post for the attention of the division handling the application. The final date for receiving the annexes is the day of the deadline.

Reprints of publications and letters of recommendation (other than letters that only concern a financial/material commitment) belonging to an application are not sent to referees and committee members and are not included in the assessment.

Postal addresses:

NWO/Innovational Research Incentives Scheme

Division:

(choose ALW/CW/EW/GW/ZONMW/MaGW/N/WOTRO (=Cross-disciplinary))

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4 Assessment procedure

4.1 Procedure

The candidates are assessed in a national competition. For Veni and Vidi applications, preparations for decisions take place within the NWO divisions. The divisions work with broadly composed committees of scientists who advise about the quality and priority of the applications. In addition, cross-disciplinary Veni and Vidi applications are handled in a separate committee. With this NWO hopes to meet the needs of a growing number of applicants who carry out research that falls under more than one NWO division. The committee for cross-disciplinary applications works in the same manner as a divisional committee. In the procedure description a 'committee' refers to both a committee from an NWO division as well as a committee for cross-disciplinary applications. WOTRO Science for Global Development is responsible for the secretariat to the cross-disciplinary committees.

In 2009, 2010 and 2011, the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme assessment procedure was split into two phases: the divisional phase and the domain phase. From the 2012 round onwards the domain phase for Veni, Vidi and Vici will no longer take place. NWO's Governing Board made this change in response to the advice from an internal evaluation committee.

From the 2012 round onwards, Vici applications will be assessed science wide. This means that applications from all disciplines (including cross-disciplinary applications) will be compared with each other in a single competition. Further information about the details of the procedure will be announced on the NWO website with the opening of the Vici round in 2012.

The selection procedure is described below.

4.1.1 Eligibility

NWO assesses the eligibility of the application (i.e. whether this satisfies the formal requirements made, see Chapter 3). Only applications which meet all the conditions are eligible and will be handled further by NWO.

4.1.2 Preselection

The first step in the assessment procedure for Veni and Vidi is a preselection based on the three selection criteria (see Section 4.2). That is because in the event of a high application pressure the number of referees to be consulted is too great and the chances of success for many candidates is too small. Preselection will only take place if the number of applications is at least four times as large as the number of applications to be awarded funding by the division concerned. If this condition is not satisfied then all applications will be sent to external referees without preselection. In the event of preselection, the committee makes a comparative assessment of all applications and prioritises these according to likelihood of funding, without making use of external referees. The least likely candidates are informed that the committee does not intend to select them for further consideration. If candidates have a grounded reason to object to the committee's decision then they can send a reasoned response to the division handling the application. Following this response the committee can still decide to select the candidate. If the candidate is not selected then the candidate will receive a formal rejection decision for the application.

4.1.3 Preproposal

In the Vici procedure use is always made of preproposals, which should not be confused with the preselection in the case of Veni and Vidi. The preproposals in the Vici procedure are abridged versions of the full proposals. A broadly appointed committee assesses the preproposals comparatively using the criteria and subsequently prioritises these according to likelihood of funding, without making use of external referees. The most likely candidates receive an invitation to submit a full proposal before the deadline. The less likely candidates are strongly advised not to write a full proposal. As this is merely an advise, no formal appeal or objection can be made against it. Further information about the details of the procedure will be announced on the NWO website with the opening of the Vici round in 2012.

4.1.4 Referees and rebuttal

Applications that have passed through a possible preselection or preproposal round are submitted for assessment to external referees. The candidate will then be given the opportunity to respond to the anonymised referees' reports.

4.1.5 Interview (selection)

In the event of a high application pressure it will not be possible to hold an interview with all candidates. The committee can decide to select a number of candidates for an interview. In that case the selection committee makes a prioritisation based on the referees' reports obtained and the candidates' rebuttals. Then the candidates most likely to receive funding are invited for an interview. The interview can lead to a re-evaluation of the written proposal and the score received for this.

4.1.6 Tasks of the committees

After the interviews the committees make a prioritisation. These are submitted to the NWO divisional boards (for Vici the selection committee is directly accountable to NWO's Governing Board). The divisional boards submit an initial funding recommendation to NWO's Governing Board. The Governing Board then takes a final decision about which candidates will receive a grant and which candidates will be rejected.

4.1.7 Decision by NWO's Governing Board

NWO's Governing Board will take the final decision to award or reject applications based on the recommendations of the divisions and the science-wide Vici selection committee. However, the number of grants awarded will depend on the funding available for a round. Following the Governing Board's decision the result will be announced to the candidates and to the university executive boards.

4.1.8 Conclusion and reporting

After the Governing Board's decision, the practical conclusion of the funding allocation or rejection takes place. If a grant is awarded then the laureate becomes employed by the research institute of his/her choice and agreements are made about the progress report and final report and any necessary supervision from the division (see 3.5 as well). The projects awarded funding are managed by the NWO divisions.

4.1.9 Indicative timeframes

For each type of grant NWO aims for a lead time of 40 weeks. The *indicative* timeframes for the Veni, Vidi and Vici rounds in 2012 are:

Veni	
Deadline submission applications via the Iris system	5 January 2012, up until 23.59 hours
Consulting referees and rebuttals of candidates to the referees' reports	to mid-May 2012
Interviews	May/June 2012
Decision NWO's Governing Board	mid-July 2012

Vidi	
Deadline submission applications via the Iris system	2 October 2012, up until 23.59 hours
Consulting referees and rebuttals of candidates to the referees' reports	to end February 2013
Interviews	March/April 2013
Decision NWO's Governing Board	May 2013

Vici	
Deadline submission applications via the Iris system	29 March 2012, up until 23.59 hours
Selection preproposals	mid-June 2012
Announcement result preproposal round to candidates	end June/start July 2012
Deadline submission full Vici proposals	28 August 2012, up until 23.59 hours
Consulting referees and rebuttals of candidates to the referees' reports	until start November 2012
Interviews	November 2012
Decision NWO's Governing Board	December 2012

4.2 Criteria

All applications are assessed against the criteria (1) quality of the researcher, (2) quality, innovative character and scientific impact of the research proposal and (3) knowledge utilisation. The last criterion is mainly about increasing the researchers' awareness about the possibilities for knowledge utilisation. NWO asks the researcher to consider the possibilities for knowledge utilisation and where relevant to come up with ideas about how the results from his/her research can be used by third parties.

This does not concern the use of knowledge by fellow researchers within the researcher's own scientific discipline; relevancy of the proposed research for science within the own discipline is, after all, already assessed within the existing quality criteria that are used for assessing the project proposal. It concerns the use of knowledge by third parties outside of science or by third parties from another scientific discipline.

In the previous round the completion of the section about knowledge utilisation was optional. For the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme round of 2012 every researcher who submits an application is requested to devote several paragraphs to

knowledge utilisation. All Innovational Research Incentives Scheme applications will subsequently be assessed for the aspect knowledge utilisation in addition to the aspects personal qualities of the researcher and quality of the project proposal. The assessment of the knowledge utilisation criterion will constitute 20% of the total assessment. This is an important change compared to the previous rounds.

4.2.1 Quality of the researcher

Veni

- suitability in terms of target group profile;
- from an international perspective belongs to the top ten to twenty percent of his/her cohort;
- scientific excellence apparent for example from the PhD thesis, publications and/or other scientific achievements;
- contagious fascination for research and technology;
- persuasiveness;
- clear indication that the researcher has a striking talent for carrying out scientific research.

Vidi

- suitability in terms of target group profile;
- from an international perspective belongs to the top ten to twenty percent of his/her cohort;
- scientific excellence apparent for example from the PhD thesis, publications and/or other scientific achievements;
- contagious fascination for research and technology;
- persuasiveness;
- demonstrably capable of generating innovative ideas and independently developing these successfully;
- good national and international position;
- capable of leading and supervising other researchers and staff.

Vici

- suitability in terms of target group profile;
- from an international perspective belongs to the top ten to twenty percent of his/her cohort;
- scientific excellence apparent for example from the PhD thesis, publications and/or other scientific achievements;
- contagious fascination for research and technology;
- persuasiveness;
- numerous publications of international standing and other scientific achievements;
- demonstrably capable of successfully developing own new innovative line of research;
- has both a national and international prominent position;
- demonstrable leadership and coaching skills.

4.2.2 Quality, innovative character and scientific impact of the research proposal

Veni

- challenging in terms of content;
- originality of the research question;
- innovative scientific elements;
- potential to make important contributions to science;
- effective in terms of proposed methodology.

Vidi and Vici

- challenging in terms of content;
- originality of the research question;
- innovative scientific elements;
- aimed at building up a new line of research;
- potential to make important contributions to science;
- effective in terms of proposed methodology;
- international importance of the proposed research area.

4.2.3 Knowledge utilisation**Veni, Vidi en Vici**

- relevance of the results and/or insights from the research for and the contribution to solving economic, societal, cultural, policy-related or technical challenges;
- effectiveness and feasibility of the proposed approach for knowledge utilisation with respect to meeting the need(s) of third parties within and outside of the academic sector;
- the period in which possible knowledge utilisation is expected to occur;
- how the researcher might intend to contribute to the realisation of the possible knowledge utilisation.

In the case of research that does not lend itself to knowledge utilisation as described in the aforementioned terms, the researcher is requested to briefly explain why he/she believes that knowledge utilisation is not applicable to the proposed research. If the selection committee is of the opinion that the applicant's explanation is correct and concludes that the research does not indeed lend itself to knowledge utilisation as described above then the committee will issue a positive score for knowledge utilisation. However, if the committee is of the opinion that there are possibilities for knowledge utilisation but that these have not been sufficiently addressed by the applicant then the committee will give a less positive score for the section knowledge utilisation.

4.3 Evaluation committees

The divisions work with broadly composed committees of scientists who use their expertise on a voluntary basis to provide a reasoned assessment of the applications. Divisional committees are appointed by divisional boards whereas the cross-disciplinary committees are appointed by the WOTRO board.

The Vici committee that will assess all applications from the different disciplines (including cross-disciplinary) will be appointed by NWO's Governing Board.

The committee members must satisfy NWO's Code of Conduct on Conflicts of Interest which has been written to prevent undesirable involvement in the assessment. Information about the composition of the committees in 2012 can be found on the NWO website (www.nwo.nl/vi).

5 Contact details and other information

5.1 Contact

5.1.1 Specific questions

The most recent information about the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme programme can be found on the programme's website. Answers to frequently asked questions are also given there. Candidates are advised to first of all consult the website before contacting NWO. Other questions about the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme can be posed to the central coordinator of this grant programme at NWO. However, the central coordinator does not deal with any comments or complaints about how the procedures have taken place; these can be submitted in writing to the complaints line (see 5.2).

Central coordinator Innovational Research Incentives Scheme

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Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)

Innovational Research Incentives Scheme

Division:

(choose ALW/CW/EW/GW/ZONMW/MaGW/N/WOTRO (=Cross-disciplinary))

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NWO/Innovational Research Incentives Scheme

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5.2 Complaints line and Appeals and Objections Committee

5.2.1 Complaints line

NWO has set up a complaints line for comments and complaints from candidates about the course or result of procedures for the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme. The comments, which can concern NWO as equally the universities or institutes, must be submitted in writing and preferably by e-mail (meldpunt@nwo.nl). All information received will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. A member of staff not involved in the procedures will deal with the reactions. The complaints line has no powers to intervene in the procedures but can play a mediating role at a candidate's request. It also functions as a collection point for information about the realisation of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme for the purposes of evaluating the programme.

5.2.2 Appeals and Objections Committee

Where relevant, the prevailing appeals and objection procedures are open for formal objections against decisions made within the framework of the Innovational

Research Incentives Scheme. After the submission of a letter of appeal or objection the candidate will be invited to a hearing of the Appeals and Objections Committee. Further information about the appeals and objections procedure can be obtained from the secretariat of the Appeals and Objections Committee, Dr L. van der Valk, tel. +31 70 344 0737, e-mail l.vandervalk@nwo.nl or R. van Leeuwarden, tel. +31 70 344 0572, e-mail r.vanleeuwarden@nwo.nl.

5.2.3 Technical questions about the electronic application system Iris

For technical questions about the use of Iris please contact the Iris helpdesk. Please read the Iris manual before consulting the helpdesk.

The Iris helpdesk is available from Monday to Friday from 11.00 to 17.00 hours on +31 900 696 4747. Unfortunately not all foreign phone companies allow you to phone to a 0900 number in the Netherlands. You can also send your question by e-mail to iris@nwo.nl.

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