

TOP GO Grant Guidelines 2009/2010

Earth & Life Sciences, Chemical Sciences,
Physical Sciences and Health Research and Development

GENERAL

Please refer to the Call for Proposals TOP GO 2009/2010 for the Terms and Conditions of this granting scheme. The Call for Proposals can be downloaded from www.nwo.nl/top/go and www.zonmw.nl

The appropriate application form should be used. This form can be downloaded from www.nwo.nl/top/go. Proposals have to be submitted through the Iris system: www.iris.nwo.nl (see below for submission details).

The proposal should be written in English.

The lay-out of the proposal should facilitate reading. A minimum font size of 10 pts is advised.

REGISTRATION FORM (BASIC DATA)

1. Details of all applicants

Please provide for all applicants complete info as requested in the form. The principal investigator is the contact person for correspondence.

2. Title of the proposal

3. Keywords

(max. 6 keywords)

4. Title and summary for the general public (in Dutch)

(Geef in *100 woorden* een algemeen toegankelijke titel en samenvatting)

If your proposal is granted, this summary will be used for publication purposes.

5. Group members involved in the proposed research

List all the staff members who will have a substantial and verifiable contribution to the proposed research. The list shouldn't exceed 10 persons.

RESEARCH PROPOSAL

6. Description of the proposed research

(10 pages maximum, including figures, excluding literature references)

The lay-out of the proposal should facilitate reading. A minimum font size of 10 pts is advised.

The proposal should include:

- a. summary
- b. societal and, or scientific context / specific aim of this project / potential impact
- c. approach / time scheme / potential problems & alternative tactics
- d. innovative and challenging elements
- e. justification of budget choices
- f. scientific embedding of the proposed research: background, preliminary results, (inter)national position/competition, collaborations

GROUP PUBLICATIONS AND PAST PERFORMANCE

7. List of Publications, 2005-2010

(Add a list of the main publications of the applicant(s) of the last five years (maximum 25).

8. Past performance of applicants

(2 pages maximum)

Describe the achievements of the past five years, the main results, (co)financers of the research lines, international position, and collaboration with other research groups.

Include for example:

A. Positions and Employment

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- Other experiences and professional memberships
- Honors and Awards
- B. Research support
- Ongoing research support
- Completed research support

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

9. Summary of requested funding within the total budget

The maximum total budget of a TOP-grant is k€ 750. Please specify personnel costs, consumables, and equipment. Personnel costs according to the most recent VSNU tariffs (including a "bench fee" for o.a. travel costs). More detailed information is available on the NWO website www.nwo.nl/top/go and in the FAQ on this page.

10. Classification of the proposal

Please choose the scientific discipline most appropriate to fit with your research. You can choose more than one classification. Two or more classifications will be categorized as "gebiedsoverschrijdend", i.e. cross divisional). The programme secretariat (and if necessary the Steering Committee) will check the proposed classification.

Choose from:

- Medical or Health Science
- Earth or Life Sciences
- Chemical Sciences
- Physical Sciences (Astronomy, Mathematics, Computer Sciences)

Please indicate which domain (only one option possible) is suitable to assess your proposal.

Bèta: Earth sciences, Chemical science, Physical sciences (Astronomy, Mathematics and Computer science);

Life Sciences: Biological sciences, Agricultural and Food sciences, Biochemical science and Medical sciences.

11. Grant applications

If you or any of your co-applicants have submitted a research proposal elsewhere (including other NWO councils) on the same topic as this application, provide relevant information on that proposal. Also include proposals on the same topic submitted by other members of your group or your co-applicants group(s). Copy and paste the table as often as needed.

12. Statements by the applicant

NWO endorses the [Code Openness Animal Experiments](#) and the [Code Biosecurity](#) (www.knaw.nl).

Applicants need to check for the possibility that these codes have relevance to their application. If this is the case NWO requires applicants to also endorse the code(s) and act according to them. In case of the code Biosecurity this also means that the applicant is convinced that the knowledge presented in the application cannot lead to dual use.

SUBMISSION

The proposal should be submitted as pdf file via the Iris system on **15 February 2010** (23.59 hrs) at the latest. More information is available on www.nwo.nl

The proposal must be submitted from the Iris account of the main applicant.

It is allowed to add suggestions for referees for your proposal in the appropriate step in the Iris procedure.

If you want to exclude specific researchers from the evaluation of your application, you should inform us by e-mail by **15 February 2010**, at the latest. Please give your arguments why they should be excluded from evaluating. You can exclude a maximum of 3 non-referees. Send your e-mail to top@nwo.nl.

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Note that if your proposal is granted, the summary added in the Iris procedure and the summary for the general public will be published, for instance on the internet.

In accordance with the agreement between NWO and the Dutch universities (VSNU) applicants should inform the university about the grant application. A copy of the application should be sent to the scientific director or dean of your department or institute. By submitting a proposal you state that you have informed your university or institute and that you and your university or institute accepts the terms and conditions for this granting scheme.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please check the website www.nwo.nl/top/go or contact :

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