Call for proposals

Incentive Fund Open Access - Conference Session

2017

Introduction and purpose

The Governing Board of NWO thinks it is important that there should be a broad debate on Open Access publishing. Open Access publishing emphasises unrestricted public access to the results of scholarly research.
To date, discussion of this subject has largely been confined to publishing and library circles. NWO would like to involve researchers in the debate. For this reason, it is providing financial incentives for the inclusion of sessions on Open Access publishing at academic conferences. A one-off total budget of € 250,000 is available for this purpose.

The aim of this fund is to increase awareness of Open Access and to encourage the Open Access publication of research results.

Who can apply

Researchers from the following knowledge institutions can apply:
– Dutch universities;
– NWO and KNAW institutes;
– the Netherlands Cancer Institute;
– the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen;
– researchers from the DUBBLE Beamline at the ESRF in Grenoble;
– NCB Naturalis;
– Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL).

The applicant must be employed by one of the institutions listed above and must be a member of the organising committee of the conference at which the Open Access session is to be held.

What can be applied for

For each conference that meets the specific conditions of grant, NWO will award a maximum sum of € 2500. The conference organising committee can decide how to use the money in relation to the Open Access session: whether to meet a speaker's travel expenses, to pay for a debate moderator or facilities, or in some other way.

When can applications be submitted

Applications for grants under this programme can be submitted at any time, until 1 January 2018. The conference must take place before July 1, 2018.

Preparing an application

– Download the application form from the electronic application system ISAAC or from NWO's website (on the grant page for this programme).
– Complete the application form.
– Save the application form as a pdf file and upload it in ISAAC.

Besides that, the applicant must fill in the following information in ISAAC:

For '**Project title'**:
– the name, location and date of the conference.

For '**Project abstract'**:
– Bank details (IBAN of the institution, name and address details, the cost centre/payment reference).

The system asks for an '**attachment'**. These is:
– a draft or final version of the conference programme showing that the applicant is a member of the conference organising committee.

Specific conditions

Grants can be requested for academic conferences involving a minimum of one hundred participants. The location of the conference is irrelevant.
The Open Access session must last at least one hour and must feature on the final conference programme.

Applications will not be accepted for consideration if they are retrospective or if funding for the Open Access session is available from another source. Grants cannot be awarded if the available budget is exhausted.

If a grant is awarded, the applicant will be expected to submit via NWO's Iris electronic application system, within one month of the end of the conference, the final conference programme and a list of conference participants. The applicant will also be asked to submit a single A4 sheet containing an overview of the programme of the Open Access session and of its conclusions, with details of any follow-up action.

The grant awarded will be paid into the conference account after the information specified in the preceding paragraph has been received and approved.

Submitting an application

An application can only be submitted to NWO via the online application system ISAAC. Applications not submitted via ISAAC will not be considered. A principal applicant must submit his/her application via his/her own ISAAC account. If the principal applicant does not have an ISAAC account yet, then this should be created at least one day before the application is submitted to ensure that any registration problems can be resolved on time. If the principal applicant already has an NWO-account, then he/she does not need to create a new account to submit an application.

When you submit your application to ISAAC you need to enter several additional details online. Make sure you allow enough time for this.

For technical questions please contact the ISAAC helpdesk, see the section *Contact*.

Procedure

NWO will screen applications to ensure that they comply with the requirements of this call for proposals. If applications comply with these requirements and if the available budget has not been exhausted, a grant will invariably be awarded. Applications that do not comply with the requirements of this call will not be awarded.

The NWO Code of Conduct on Conflicts of Interest applies to all persons and NWO staff involved in the assessment and/or decision-making process.

Criteria

For this programme, there are no selection criteria, only the specific conditions stated above.

Contact

For specific questions about Incentive Fund Open Access - Conference Session and this call for proposals please contact:

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For technical questions about the use of ISAAC please contact the ISAAC helpdesk. Please read the manual first before consulting the helpdesk. The ISAAC helpdesk can be contacted from Monday to Friday between 10:00 and 17:00 hours CET on +31 (0)900 696 4747. Unfortunately, not all foreign telecom companies support calling to 0900-numbers. However, you can also submit your question by e-mail to isaac.helpdesk@nwo.nl. You will then receive an answer within two working days.

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