



Call for proposals

**Innovational Research Incentives Scheme -
Veni**

2017

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

'Veni, vidi, vici' means 'I came, I saw, I conquered'. It is a quotation from a note sent by the famous Roman general Julius Caesar to notify the Senate of his lightning victory over Pontus (in 47 BC).

In 2000, NWO joined forces with the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and the Dutch universities to establish the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme. Since then, NWO has been able to award about 3,000 talented researchers a grant. The Innovational Research Incentives Scheme grant has given these researchers an opportunity to develop their gifts in a way that would otherwise have been impossible for many of them.

The programme includes three types of grant (Veni, Vidi and Vici). Each type has one call per year. Changes to the procedures may be made from year to year, depending, for example, on the results of interim evaluations.

There is a separate call for proposals for each type of grant¹.

1.2 Available budget

The overall budget of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme funding in 2017 is 150 million euros.

1.3 Validity of the call for proposals

This call for proposals is valid until the closing date of the Veni call on 10 January 2017.

Any grants awarded on the basis of this call for proposals are subject to the NWO Regulation on Granting www.nwo.nl/en/documents/nwo/legal/nwo-regulation-on-granting-2015.

¹ On 1 January 2017, NWO will adopt a new organisation structure. Current funding instruments will remain essentially unchanged until a decision about any change is taken. NWO will announce this change at least six months in advance. 2017 will be a transition year and the new funding instruments will become effective no later than 1 January 2018.

2 Aim

The aim of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme is to promote innovation in academic research and to provide encouragement for individual postdoctoral researchers² at various stages of their careers. It is vital to the universities that talented researchers enter the profession and gain promotion within it. Providing creative opportunities for adventurous, talented, pioneering researchers to do research of their own choice and to encourage them to make a permanent career of academic research are therefore key aims of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme. With a personal grant, researchers have the opportunity to develop their own, innovative line of research which could be structurally embedded in a research institution.

2.1 Veni target group

The Veni target group consists of excellent researchers with a striking and original talent as well a considerable fascination for doing challenging and pioneering research. The focus in this respect is on innovative and curiosity-driven research. The candidates are at the start of their academic career but have already demonstrated a striking talent for doing scientific research. In view of the purpose of the programme, it is essential that researchers should have the ability to formulate and conduct a line of scientific research independently.

Researchers working at a foreign institution are also eligible to submit an application. If awarded, the project must be carried out at a Dutch institution recognised by NWO.

The Veni funding focuses on researchers who will be among the top 10 to 20 percent of their peer group, irrespective of their nationality or research topic. It is expected that they can also convince others of the originality and potential of their ideas.

2.2 Promoting female researchers

We explicitly invite female researchers to apply. The representation and advancement of women in academia is unfortunately far less than that of men. NWO and the Dutch Ministry for Education, Culture and Science are working together with the KNAW, the Association of Universities in the Netherlands (VSNU) and the Dutch universities to rectifying this situation and hope that the percentage of female applicants will finally be at least comparable to the percentage of female researchers in the target group. NWO strives towards success rates for female applicants both on average and in the medium-term as high as those for male researchers. In case of an *ex aequo* prioritisation of two or more applications, preference is given to the application of a female applicant.

² In this call for proposals the term 'researcher' refers to people of either sex.

2.3 Knowledge utilisation

NWO is expected to invest over 700 million euros of public funds in academic research in 2017. This research may be anywhere on the scale from fundamental to applied and may be either curiosity-driven and response-mode or part of a thematic programme. Use of the results of scientific research by the public and private sector can increase the prosperity and well-being of the nation, as well as helping the Netherlands to achieve its ambition of becoming a knowledge society. For this reason, NWO asks all grant applicants to provide information on the potential for the wider utilisation of knowledge resulting from their proposed research. This information will be taken into account when assessing their proposals. More information can be found at www.nwo.nl/en/policies/knowledge+utilisation.

The Dutch National Research Agenda can serve as a source of inspiration when you are thinking through the potential for knowledge utilisation. The routes within the Agenda can inspire Talent Scheme researchers and help them to pinpoint the potential importance of their research for other scientific disciplines as well as for society and to make this tangible.

The digital version of the Agenda that contains all of the questions as well as the Portfolio for research and innovation with further information about the current routes in the Agenda can be consulted via www.wetenschapsagenda.nl/publicaties. An English version of the Portfolio will be published.

3 Guidelines for applicants

3.1 Who can apply

Applications can be submitted by candidates who have recently received their doctorates, irrespective of whether they hold tenured positions or whether they come from the Netherlands or abroad. The appointment will be at one of the host research institutions (see 3.1.4).

3.1.1 Career deadline

Veni applicants must have obtained their doctorate within the last three years. The 2017 Veni round is open to researchers who meet this criterion on 1 January 2017.

3.1.2 Extension clause

The maximum career deadline can be extended by NWO if the candidate has taken extended sick, parental, maternity or care leave within the relevant period. The maximum extension that may be granted to any particular applicant is five years. Female researchers who have given birth to children are granted a standard extension of eighteen months per child. In the case of male researchers, formal reductions in working hours are compensated up to a maximum extension of one year per child born in the period since receipt of the doctorate. The deadline may also be extended if a candidate has combined a part-time research appointment with care responsibilities or has undertaken training in certain clinical specialisms. In the case of care leave combined with training in a clinical specialism, the maximum extension that may be awarded remains five years.

Further information about the conditions for these extensions is provided in the Frequently Asked Questions section on www.nwo.nl/en/funding/our-funding-instruments/nwo/innovational-research-incentives-scheme/index.html. If you wish to apply for extension, please contact NWO before submitting your grant application (vi@nwo.nl).

3.1.3 Additional conditions

The following additional conditions apply to the assessment of applications:

- a. Applications must be submitted by individual researchers (not by pairs or groups of researchers or by research teams).
- b. A candidate may:
 - submit a maximum of one application in the Veni 2017 round;
 - enter the application process for the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme for no more than one type of grant at a time;
 - submit Veni application no more than twice.If an application that has been admitted to the selection process is withdrawn, this submission still counts towards the maximum number of submissions per applicant.
- c. The following additional restriction applies to researchers who have previously been awarded grants under the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme: no researcher who has already received a particular type of grant may apply again for a grant of the same kind.

3.1.4 Institutions

Approved host institutions are those Dutch universities whose terms of reference include the conduct of research, the KNAW and NWO research institutes, and a number of other specific institutions (see 5.2 for contact addresses). The criteria for the institutions are contained in the NWO Regulation on Granting, available at www.nwo.nl/en/documents/nwo/legal/nwo-regulation-on-granting-2015.

3.2 What can be applied for

The maximum amount for a Veni project offered by NWO under the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme is 250,000 euros for a period of three years. If the proposed research is of shorter duration, the maximum amount will be reduced accordingly.

The budget estimate submitted with the application must be based on eligible direct staff costs and direct non-staff costs. The calculation of the staff costs must be based on actual gross salaries and associated costs as specified in the current Dutch agreement on the funding of academic research (*Akkoord bekostiging wetenschappelijk onderzoek*; www.nwo.nl/salary-tables), with the exception of indexation and end-of-project payments. The amount of these payments for the 2017 round of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme will be based on the standard percentages on 1 July 2016.

Recipients of Veni grants are not permitted to appoint additional research staff and should seek the prior approval of NWO for the appointment of additional staff of any other kind. Applicants who will devote no more than 25 percent of their contracted working hours to non-research activities (e.g., teaching, administration, management) and the other 75 percent to research for their Veni project may charge their entire salary to the project budget. If the applicant is to devote more than 25 percent of his/her contracted working time to other activities, only that proportion of working time devoted to the Veni project may be charged to the project budget.

The term 'direct non-staff costs' means general non-staff costs plus the costs of knowledge transfer, knowledge utilisation and internationalisation. Infrastructure costs (accommodation and office automation) and other overhead are not eligible for funding.

The proposed budget will be assessed by NWO. If it exceeds the maximum amount of the Veni grant, the application must be accompanied by a letter from the prospective host institution or a third party guaranteeing to cover the excess costs. This guarantee must be signed by the dean/manager of the institution or by a person with authority to sign on behalf of the body issuing the guarantee.

For further information and explanation of grant-eligible costs, see the document 'guidelines for design of expenditures financial accounting reports' at www.nwo.nl/en/funding/our-funding-instruments/nwo/innovational-research-incentives-scheme/veni/index.html.

3.3 When can applications be submitted

The next deadline for the submission of Veni applications is **January 10, 2017, 14:00 hours** (Central European Time).

When you submit your application to ISAAC you need to enter several additional details online. Start applying at least a day before the closing date. Applications that are submitted after the deadline will not be included in the procedure.

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

3.4 Preparing an application

Veni grant application forms will be available on the programme website (www.nwo.nl/vi) two months before the submission deadline.

- 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 : www.isaac.nwo.nl or www.isaac.stw.nl for applications within the technical sciences (STW) or in ProjectNet (ProjectNet) for applications within the medical sciences (ZonMw).

Applications must be written in English and must include:

- the candidate's curriculum vitae and list of publications;
- an outline of the research proposal (max. 2,000 words, not including references);
- a knowledge utilisation section (max. 750 words);
- budget estimate.

Any Veni application by a candidate who has not yet been awarded a doctorate must be accompanied by a declaration by the entire manuscript committee of a Dutch university stating that the manuscript of his/her doctoral thesis has been approved (to be submitted together with the application in electronic form).

3.5 Specific conditions

The NWO Regulation on Granting (www.nwo.nl/en/documents/nwo/legal/nwo-regulation-on-granting-2015) and the Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research (www.nwo.nl/salary-tables) apply to all applications.

Open Access

All scientific publications resulting from research that is funded by grants derived from this call for proposals are to be immediately (at the time of publication) freely accessible worldwide (Open Access). There are several ways for researchers to publish Open Access. A detailed explanation regarding Open Access can be found on www.nwo.nl/openscience-en.

Data management

Responsible data management is part of good research. NWO wants research data that emerge from publicly funded research to become freely and sustainably available, as much as possible, for reuse by other researchers. Furthermore NWO wants to raise awareness among researchers about the importance of responsible

data management. Proposals should therefore satisfy the data management protocol of NWO. This protocol consists of two steps:

1. Data management section

The data management section is part of the research proposal. Researchers should answer four questions about data management within their intended research project. Therefore before the research starts the researcher will be asked to think about how the data collected must be ordered and categorised so that it can be made freely available. Measures will often need to be taken during the production and analysis of the data to make their later storage and dissemination possible. Researchers can state which research data they consider to be relevant for storage and reuse.

2. Data management plan

After a proposal has been awarded funding the researcher should elaborate the data management *section* into a data management plan. The plan should be submitted to NWO via ISAAC within a maximum of 4 months after the proposal has been awarded funding. NWO will assess the plan as quickly as possible. Approval of the data management plan by NWO is a condition for disbursement of the funding.

Further information about the data management protocol of NWO can be found at www.nwo.nl/en/policies/open+science/data+management.

Nagoya Protocol

The Nagoya Protocol became effective on 12 October 2014 and ensures an honest and reasonable distribution of benefits emerging from the use of genetic resources (Access and Benefit Sharing; ABS). Researchers who make use of genetic sources from the Netherlands or abroad for their research should familiarise themselves with the Nagoya Protocol (www.absfocalpoint.nl). NWO assumes that researchers will take all necessary actions with respect to the Nagoya Protocol.

3.5.1 Choice of institution

Researchers are free to choose one of the approved host institutions, which are listed in Section 5.2.1), at which they wish to conduct their research. In consultation with the host institution, part of the research may be conducted outside of the Netherlands. The applicant's plans for achieving institutional integration may be a subject of discussion during selection interviews.

The appointment at the host institution and arrangements for integration within it must always be completed before any grant payment is made by NWO. The successful candidate must sign a written agreement with the board of the institution concerned. This may state, for example, what prospects and guarantees the institution can offer for the future of the line of research and the candidate following the period of grant.

The research results are subject to NWO's Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy. (Only available in Dutch at: www.nwo.nl/documents/magw/projectbeheer/nwo-beleid-inzake-intellectueel-eigendom).

3.5.2 Ethical aspects

Any research proposal that raises ethical issues must be carefully considered in advance. Certain research projects require a statement of approval from a recognised medical ethics review committee or an animal experiments committee. In addition, some research proposals require a licence under the Population Screening Act (WBO). More information on medical ethics review committees is available from the Central Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects (CCMO), while the Central Committee Animal Experiments (CCD) can provide information on animal experiments committees, and the Health Council of the Netherlands can advise on the WBO.

Veni applicants are responsible to determine whether their research proposals raise possible ethical issues. If so, they are also responsible for obtaining any necessary statement of approval from the appropriate ethics review committee and/or licence under the Population Screening Act.

NWO subscribes to the Dutch Freedom of Information on Animal Experiments Code (*Code Openheid Dierproeven*) and the Biosecurity Code. Veni applicants must subscribe to and comply with the prevailing codes.

Veni projects must commence within six months of the grant award. Research projects requiring a statement of approval and/or licence under the Population Screening Act may not start until NWO has received a copy of the relevant statement and/or licence. NWO expects candidates to pay attention to the timetable for the Veni selection procedure and take account of the time required by ethics review committees to conduct project assessments or for the Population Screening Act licence application procedure to run its course. Where an application raises complex ethical issues, NWO reserves the right to seek external advice.

If at any point, after discussing the matter with the applicant, NWO feels that an ethical review is required, the applicant must take the necessary measures to obtain it. If the applicant fails to obtain the required statement of approval from an ethics review committee, any grant awarded will be cancelled. Applicants with questions in this respect should contact the central coordinator of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme (see 5.1 for contact details).

3.6 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. The only exceptions to this rule are applications to the Medical Sciences Division. These applications can only be submitted via ProjectNet. This can be accessed via the website of the Netherlands Organisation for Health Research & Development, ZonMw (www.zonmw.nl).

Applicants must submit their applications via their personal ISAAC account. If the applicant does not yet have an ISAAC account, it should be created well in advance of the application deadline, to ensure that any registration problems can be resolved in time. If the applicant already has an NWO-account, then he/she does not create a new account to submit an application.

When you submit your application to ISAAC you will also need to enter additional details online. You should therefore start submitting your application at least one day before the deadline of this call for proposals. Applications submitted after the

deadline will not be taken into consideration.

For technical questions please contact the ISAAC helpdesk (see Section 5.1.2).

Choice of NWO-unit

On 1 January 2017, NWO will adopt a new organisation structure. The current divisions will become part of a domain: GW and MaGW will become the Social Sciences and Humanities domain (SSH), ALW, CW, EW and N the domain Mathematical and Natural Sciences (ENW) and STW the domain Technical and Applied Sciences (TTW). ZonMW will become the domain Health Research and Development.

For Veni 2017 most domains will work with one s-called 'unit'³, within which the applications are assessed. ENW will work with four units. See below for an overview of the units that apply for this Veni round. Veni-applicants submit via ISAAC and choose the unit that should deal with their application.

Applicants of a Veni proposal wishing to conduct cross-disciplinary research relating to more than one NWO unit can choose to submit the application as an interdivisional (ID) one. The ID unit is run by WOTRO Science for Global Development. In the application these candidates must specify the NWO units to which it relates and state the reasons for this. If the ID secretariat believes that the proposal does not in fact qualify as interdivisional, the application can subsequently be transferred to the relevant NWO unit. This would only be done in consultation with the applicant. Conversely, if the secretariat of a unit feels that a particular application should be considered by the ID committee, it can transfer that application to the ID secretariat. Again, this would only be done in consultation with the applicant.

Domain	Unit	Clarification
ENW	Earth and Life Sciences	
	Chemical Sciences	
	Physical Sciences	Astronomy, computer science and mathematics
	Physics	
SGW	Social Sciences and Humanities	
TTW	Technical and Applied Sciences	Technical Sciences
ZonMw	Health Research and Development	Medical Sciences
	Interdivisional (ID)*	Applications that cut across one or more units can be submitted to the interdivisional (ID) unit.

³ Please consult the SGW Veni webpage for information about the assessment committees within that unit.

If the secretariat of the chosen unit feels that the application should be considered by a different unit, it may, in consultation with the applicant, transfer the application to that unit. Only one unit can be specified in each application.

Annexes

If your host institution or a third party co-funds your project then the application must be accompanied by a letter, which guarantees that this funding will be provided. The guarantee must explicitly state the amount of co-funding. Letters of guarantee are unconditional and do not contain termination clauses.

This annex should be sent to NWO via the ISAAC system as a separate PDF document. The original documents should be sent to NWO by post, to arrive within one week of the date of submission, marking it for the attention of the unit which deals with the application (see 5.1.1.). These annexes will not be sent to referees and committee members and will not be taken into consideration when assessing the applications.

Please do not submit any publications or letters of recommendations with your application.

4 Assessment procedure

4.1 Procedure

Candidates are assessed in a national competition. The assessment of Veni applications takes place within the units. The units use broad-based committees of academics to advise on the merits and prioritisation of the applications.

Cross-disciplinary Veni applications are handled by a separate committee. With this arrangement, NWO meets the requirements of the growing number of applicants who wish to conduct research that cuts across divisional boundaries. The committee for interdivisional applications operates in the same way as divisional selection committees. In the description of the selection procedure given in this call for proposals, the term 'committee' refers both to a divisional selection committee and to a selection committee for interdivisional applications.

The NWO Code of Conduct on Conflicts of Interest applies to everybody involved in the assessment of applications and/or in decisions on them, whether or not he/she is an NWO employee.

NWO gives all full proposals a qualification. For further information about the qualifications see: www.nwo.nl/qualifications.

4.1.1 Eligibility

NWO screens applications to ensure that they comply with the formal requirements of the scheme. This is done using the conditions stated in Chapter 3 of this call for proposals. Only those which do, qualify for further consideration.

4.1.2 Preselection

Preselection only takes place if the number of applications received by a particular division is at least four times the number of grants available. Otherwise, all the applications are sent to external referees without preselection. If the application pressure is high, preselection avoids too many referees having to be consulted and the inclusion of many applicants in the assessment whose chances of success are very small.

Preselection is based on the three selection criteria (see 4.2). In case of preselection the committee will assess call applications globally and comparatively and rates them in terms of their chance of success, without making use of external referees. Those applicants judged least likely to be awarded grants will be notified that the committee does not intend to select their applications for further consideration. If applicants have reasons to object to the committee's decision, they can write to the division handling the application stating those reasons. On the basis of this response, the committee may change its mind and select the application for further consideration after all. Otherwise, a formal decision letter rejecting the application will be sent to the applicant.

4.1.3 Referees and rebuttal

The applications (or, if applicable, those successful in the preselection round) are submitted to external referees for their consideration. Applicants are then given the opportunity to respond to the anonymised referee reports.

It is possible to indicate non-referees (maximum of three names). Please submit the names of non-referees via the electronic system ISAAC at the same time as your pre-proposal. Applicants of ZonMw, however, submit the names of non-referees (max. three) by sending an email to veni@zonmw.nl. These non-referees will not be asked to assess your application.

4.1.4 Interview (selection)

The selection committee selects a number of candidates for an interview. The selection committee makes its own consideration based on the referees' reports obtained and the responses of the candidates to these. Subsequently the candidates with the highest prioritisation are invited for an interview. During the interview, the committee has the opportunity to pose questions, also new ones that have not been raised by the referees. The candidate can respond to these in the discussion with the committee. With this approach a hearing and rebuttal once again takes place. The interview is an important part of the selection process and may lead to a re-evaluation of the written proposal from the written phase of the assessment.

4.1.5 Decision

The assessment committee will formulate the funding recommendation to the accredited board of NWO, who then takes the decision. However, the number of grants with a minimum qualification *very good* to be awarded will depend on the resources available in the particular round. Once the accredited board has reached its decision, the candidates and boards of the intended host institutions are notified of the outcome.

4.1.6 Arrangements and reporting

Once the accredited board of NWO has announced its decisions, arrangements are made for each award. Successful candidates are given contracts of employment with the host institutions of their choice and arrangements are made for final reporting and for any necessary supervision by the unit concerned (see also 3.5.1). Veni projects must always start within six months of the grant being awarded. The projects awarded funding will be managed by the various units of NWO.

4.1.7 Indicative timetable

NWO aims to complete the entire Veni selection procedure within seven months. The *indicative* timetable for the 2017 Veni round is:

10 January 2017, at exactly 14.00 hours CET	Deadline for submission of Veni applications via the Isaac system, Medical Sciences via ProjectNet
Until mid-May 2017	Consultations with referees and candidates' rebuttals
May/June 2017	Interviews
Mid-July 2017	Decisions by accredited board of NWO

From mid-July 2017

Notification of decisions

4.1.8 Adjustments procedure

It is possible that NWO finds it necessary to make adjustments in the procedure during the 2017 round. Any adjustments in the procedure Veni 2017 will be communicated on the NWO website. Please check the website regularly for accurate information.

4.2 Criteria

Applications are assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

1. quality of the researcher (see 4.2.1);
2. quality, innovative character and academic impact of the proposed research (see 4.2.2);
3. knowledge utilisation (see 4.2.3).

The weighting given to these criteria in the overall rating of the application is 40%, 40% and 20% respectively.

4.2.1 Quality of the researcher

- In terms of profile fit in the target group;
- in the top 10 to 20% of his/her international peer group;
- academic excellence as demonstrated by the PhD thesis, publications and/or other relevant achievements in the field;
- inspiring enthusiasm for research and/or technology;
- persuasiveness;
- clear indications of an outstanding talent for academic research.

4.2.2 Quality, innovative character and academic impact of the proposed research

- Challenging content;
- originality of the topic;
- innovative elements;
- potential to make an important contribution to the advancement of science;
- effectiveness of proposed methodology.

4.2.3 Knowledge utilisation

Potential

- Contribution to society and/or other academic areas;
- disciplines and organisations that might benefit from the results.

Implementation

- Action plan to allow the outcomes of the research project to benefit the potential knowledge users;
- if and how the potential knowledge users will be involved;
- (concrete) outcomes for society and/or other academic disciplines;
- the period over which knowledge utilisation is expected to occur.

The selection committee assesses:

- whether the applicant has given a realistic description of the potential for knowledge utilization;
- and to what extent the applicant has presented a concrete and convincing plan for the implementation of the available potential.

If a researcher is of the opinion that the proposed research is not appropriate for knowledge utilisation then he/she should explain why he/she thinks that knowledge utilisation is not applicable. The selection committee will assess the arguments given for this.

5 Contact details and other information

5.1 Contact

5.1.1 Questions about the scheme itself

The latest information about the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme can be found on www.nwo.nl/vi. A document with answers to frequently asked questions can be found under the division specific funding instrument. Candidates are advised to check the website before contacting NWO. Questions about the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme can be directed towards the central coordinator of this grant programme at NWO or to the coordinator of the relevant NWO unit. Contact details can be found at www.nwo.nl/vi/contact.

Questions about current Innovational Research Incentives Scheme projects should be posed to the NWO unit responsible for the project concerned.

Central coordinator Innovational Research Incentives Scheme

Website: www.nwo.nl/venieuwingsimpuls (information about Innovational Research Incentives Scheme funding) or:

www.nwo.nl/vi-programma (general information about the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme)

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Innovational Research Incentives Scheme

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5.1.2 Technical questions about the electronic application system ISAAC

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 20 346 71 79. You can also submit your question by email to isaac.helpdesk@nwo.nl. You will then receive an answer within two working days.

Technical questions about the use of ProjectNet can be addressed to the ProjectNet helpdesk during normal office hours (tel: +31 70 349 5178 or email: projectNet@zonmw.nl).

5.1.3 Committee for appeals NWO

Where appropriate, candidates can use NWO's appeal procedure to lodge formal appeals within six weeks after the decision has been communicated against decisions made under the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme. After lodging an appeal they will be invited to attend a hearing of the committee for appeals NWO. Further information about the appeals procedure can be obtained from the Committee Secretariat, email: secretariaatbezwaarschriften@nwo.nl, tel: +31 70 349 45 57.

5.2 Contact addresses of approved institutions

5.2.1 Universities

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