

Hestia – Impulse for Refugees in Science

Frequently Asked Questions

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This document contains answers to many of the frequently asked questions about the Hestia – Impulse for Refugees in Science programme. It will be updated and expanded when necessary. If your question has not been answered or if the information provided is not sufficient, then please do not hesitate to contact NWO via hestia@nwo.nl or <mailto:vidw@nwo.nl>

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QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CANDIDATES

1. I am following a master's programme in the Netherlands/I have a Dutch master's degree. Am I eligible as a potential candidate?

Yes, if you have a Dutch master's degree, then you are eligible as a potential candidate. If you are still following your master's programme, then you should have graduated before the deadline for applications on 10 September 2019 or at the very least be able to demonstrate that you have completed all modules and a master's thesis and that you will graduate shortly. In that case, please contact NWO to reach agreement about the matter.

2. I have completed my master's degree in a country other than the Netherlands. Am I eligible as a potential candidate?

Accreditation of the diploma is the responsibility of the knowledge institution where the proposed project will be carried out. If no diploma accreditation has taken place yet – for example through the NUFFIC – then you should discuss this with the project leader.

3. The situations with respect to the residence permit as stated in Annexe 6 of the call for proposals do not apply to me. Can I still be eligible as a potential candidate?

NWO has carefully examined what it wants to achieve with this programme. It has therefore decided that only people who fit the situations described in Annexe 6 of the call for proposals can be eligible as candidates in this pilot. No exceptions will be made to this. On the submission date of 10 September 2019, the potential candidate should possess the residence permit and/or if applicable, the associated documentation for the commencement date of the right to residence.

4. How can I demonstrate the commencement date of my original right to residence?

This can be shown by means of the original decision from the IND with which the temporary asylum residence permit was granted. The original asylum application, or the pass that was obtained after the temporary asylum residence permit was obtained, can also serve as evidence. In the case of doubt, please first contact NWO for advice. On the submission date, all necessary documentation should be complete.

5. I have acquired work experience/done an internship/et cetera at a Dutch knowledge institution. Am I still eligible as a potential candidate?

Yes, this is part of a candidate's CV and does not stop you from being eligible as a candidate.

6. I want to submit an application but have not yet found a project leader with whom I can jointly submit an application. Can I submit an application as a candidate?

No, an application can only be submitted by a project leader with a current NWO or ZonMw project. A candidate cannot submit an application alone.

7. There is more than one project leader who would like to submit an application with me/the project leader who wants to submit an application with me has several projects. May I participate as a candidate in several applications?

No, a candidate may only participate in a single application for one current project of a single project leader. If a project leader has several projects that you could join or if there are several project leaders with whom you could submit an application, then you should choose the project or the project leader that fits you best.

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8. Will NWO reimburse my travel costs if I am appointed at a university that is not located where I live?

No, NWO will not reimburse any commuter costs. It is up to the candidate to ask the project leader, or his or her university, what the remuneration for travel costs will be. In most cases, travel costs are only partly remunerated and the employee must pay the remaining costs. However, subject to several conditions, the costs can be deducted against tax.

QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO PROJECT LEADERS/MAIN APPLICANTS

1. I have more than one NWO/ZonMw project. May I submit an application from more than one project?

No, a project leader may submit only a single application for one of his/her current projects with a single candidate. If several candidates could join a project or if there are several projects where a candidate could fit, then you should choose the best combination of candidate and project.

2. I have an Aspasia grant. Am I eligible as an applicant?

Yes, you are also eligible as a candidate with an Aspasia grant. In that case, please contact NWO so that the details in your specific situation can be checked and confirmed before the deadline for the call on 10 September 2019.

3. I am a sub- or joint project leader within a larger research programme such as Gravitation or Perspectief, but I am not the main applicant of this programme. Am I eligible as an applicant?

Yes, as a sub- or joint project leader of a large research programme such as Gravitation or Perspectief, you are also eligible as an applicant. In that case, please contact NWO so that the details in your specific situation can be checked and confirmed before the deadline for the call on 10 September 2019.

4. I have a Rubicon grant. Am I eligible as an applicant?

No, you are not eligible as an applicant. In principle, project leaders of all NWO or ZonMw projects are eligible as an applicant in this programme as long as these projects fit within the objectives of the Hestia Impulse. Unfortunately, there are a few exceptions. The objectives and practical implications of a Rubicon grant do not match the objectives of Refugees in science in which the aim is to provide scientists who are refugees access to science and the possibility to build up a network *in the Netherlands*. You are therefore not eligible as an applicant with funding from Rubicon.