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Overview of the NWO Talent Scheme

Who can apply and when to apply?

Eligibility and pre-selection possibilities
  - Including SGW/TTW veni pre-selection process

Assessment procedure

Finally: what are the chances?

Room for Questions!
# Overview of the NWO Talent Scheme

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NWO Domains

- **Applied and Engineering Sciences (AES/TTW)**
- **Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH/SGW)**
- **Science** (Earth Sciences, Astronomy, Chemistry, Computer Science, Life Sciences, Physics, and Mathematics) (**Science/ENW**)
- **Health Research and Medical Sciences (ZonMw)**
- **Cross-domain (CD)**
  - Interdivisional committee
  - Substantial components of fields covered by two or more NWO domains
  - Procedure remains the same
  - Cross Disciplinary Secretariat by **WOTRO (Science for Global Development)**
Veni Vidi Vici

Innovational Research Incentives Scheme/
Vernieuwingsimpuls

➢ ‘offers personal grants to talented, creative researchers. The funding enables applicants to do their own line of research which will boost innovative research and promotes mobility within scientific research institutes.’

• 150 Million euro annually

• All science fields
Who can apply for Veni Vidi Vici?

- **Academic Researchers:**
  - Any place of origin
  - Funding for your own salary, other staff (Vidi, Vici), and equipment
  - **Embedding Guarantee** of an approved Dutch host Institution

- **One application per round**
- **Total number of applications**
  - Veni and Vidi – max. two
  - Vici – max. three pre-proposals
When to apply?

- We strive to be predictable in our deadlines:
  
  Vidi: Early October  
  Veni: Early January  
  Vici: Pre-proposal end of March  
        Full proposal end of August

Eligibility reference date for 3/8/15 y after Phd is 1st of the month.

Deadlines are Tuesday or Thursday, at 14:00 sharp!
When to apply for Veni 2019?

Veni **compulsory pre-proposal** for domains:
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) and
- Applied and Engineering Sciences (AES):
  
  **August 28, 2018**

Veni full proposals: all domains: **January 8, 2019**

**Eligibility reference date** is 1st of January 2019.

**Deadlines** are always Tuesday or Thursday, at **14:00 sharp**!
When to apply for Vidi 2018?

Deadline October 4, 2018

Eligibility reference date is 1\textsuperscript{st} of October 2018.

Deadlines are always Tuesday or Thursday, at 14:00 sharp!
Eligibility

- **Formal Requirements and Criteria**
  - Do you meet the terms for submission?
  - Are the right documents uploaded?
  - Does your application follow the format and criteria (word and page limits, etc)?
Extension regulations

- Max. extension of five years
  - Care leave, Sick leave, Clinical specializations (list online)

- Extension clause parents
  - biological mothers: extension of 18 months per child;
  - **NEW**: other parents (fathers and non-biological mothers) are granted a standard extension of 6 months per child.
  - Extension for parents is only granted for children who are part of the applicant’s household.

- Consult the FAQ on the website

- Extension request contact [vi@nwo.nl](mailto:vi@nwo.nl) beforehand
NEW!! Embedding Guarantee Veni & Vidi

- **Compulsory**
  - **Veni**: welcome guarantee
    - Institution guarantees the candidate a **working place** and the required **facilities** in case of award;

  - **Vidi**: 
    - researcher has a permanent employment contract or will be offered one if the Vidi application is awarded,
    - researcher has a tenure track appointment or will receive if the Vidi application is awarded. If the tenure track ends during the Vidi research, will be offered a permanent contract

*Embedding guarantees must be signed by dean!*
Vici: pre-proposal

A pre-proposal is **compulsory** for the Vici

A pre-proposal is considered an **application**

Pre-proposal results in an **advise**
Assessment Procedure

1. CALL
2. APPLICATION
3. EXTERNAL REVIEWS
4. REBUTTAL
5. SELECTION CANDIDATES INTERVIEWS
6. INTERVIEWS
7. ADVICE TO BOARD
8. FUNDING DECISION
Assessment Criteria

- 40% Applicant Quality

- 40% Proposal Quality
  quality, innovative character and academic impact of the research proposal

- 20% Knowledge utilization
External Reviewers

- **NWO selects external reviewers, using for example:**
  - Your abstract, your key words, your literature list, your CV (conferences)
  - Google, Google Scholar, Web of Science, CiteSeerX (béta), PubMed ...
  - Directory of Open Access Journals, ReviewFinder

- Anonymous for the applicants and committee

- **Conflict of interest is checked:**
  - think about professional relationships: supervision, collaboration, colleagues
  - Code of Conduct on Conflicts of Interest (online)

- **Max 3 Non-referees**
Rebuttal

- Responding to the (substance of the) external referee reports
- For committee only
- Is not sent to the external reviewer
Committee

- **The Committee is responsible for:**
  - Preproposal selection/pre-selection
  - Selection of applicants for interviews – informed by external reviews
    - 2-3 times the number of honorees are invited for the interview
  - Interviews with applicants

- **Measures are taken to avoid conflict of interest**

- **Committee is presented online at the end of the round**
Interviews

- Depending on # interviews
  - several days/parallel sessions
  - Invitation includes who is present at your interview

- Planning is fixed
  - Information on the schedule in: *Call for Proposals and letters from NWO*
  - Set up: brief presentation followed by discussion with the committee
What are your chances?

- **Varies between years and domains**

- **Veni (40 M euro):**
  - ± 1150 applications
  - ± 150 grants (13%)

- **Vidi (65 M euro):**
  - ± 590 applications
  - ± 85 positions (14%)

- **Vici (45 M euro):**
  - ± 235 applications
  - ± 30 positions (15%)
VENI Pre-proposal Pilot (SSH & AES)

- Only for **Social Sciences & Humanities** and **Applied & Engineering Sciences**, deadline August 28;
- Aimed at reducing the net. workload for applicants;
- Full proposal SSH or AES **only** after positive decision on pre-proposal;
- Pre-proposal: substantive **CV** (focus on explanation), **short idea** and **motivation**;
- **Provisional criteria:** 1. Academic profile, 2. Scientific output, 3. Concise research idea, 4. Motivation researcher;
- A submitted pre-proposal is **considered an application** in the 2019 round;
- **Consider where to apply on time!** The pilot and regular procedure are separate procedures.
Pilot Assessment Procedure – (AES, SSH)

1. Call
2. Pre-proposal
3. Committee advice to board
4. Preproposal selection decision
5. Full application
6. External reviews
7. Rebuttal
8. Interview selection
9. Interviews
10. Committee advice to board
11. Funding decision
Questions?
Information: www.nwo.nl/vi

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Thank you for your attention

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Programme Talent Scheme Information Meeting

10.00 Q&A Veni Room 300
10.00 Q&A Vidi – Vici Room 311
11.30 8 minute interviews Room 308
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15.55 M.C. Fellowships Room 300
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