National/Regional Regulations

2023 Joint Transnational Call
“Aquatic Ecosystem Services”

Joint Transnational Call 2023
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THE NETHERLANDS

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NWO

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Funded modality

Joint transnational Call ☒

Early Career Resarcher Call ☐

Water4All Knowledge Hub ☒

Eligible Institutions

See eligible applicants

Eligible Applicants

For scientists based in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the NWO eligibility criteria apply.

Full, associate and assistant professors, lectors, senior researchers and other researchers with a comparable position* may submit an application (i.e. participate in a consortium and request NWO funding) as main applicant, if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period) or a tenure track agreement at one of the following organisations:

- universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- university medical centres;
- Institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO;
- Universities of applied sciences as referred to in Article 1.8 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act (WHW);
- the Netherlands Cancer Institute;
- the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen;
- Naturalis Biodiversity Center;
- Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL);
- Princess Máxima Center.

http://water4all-partnership.eu/
• TO2 institutes

In addition, for this call, researchers with a comparable position* to full, associate and assistant professors, lectors or senior researchers can be co-applicant, provided they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period) or a tenure track agreement from the following organization:
  • IHE-Delft Institute for Water Education

*A comparable position refers to a researcher that has a demonstrable and comparable number of years of experience in carrying out scientific research and supervising other researchers as a full, associate or assistant professor.

** Lectors employed at a university of applied sciences and researchers employed at a TO2 institute may also submit provided that they have at least a salaried position for a limited period of time.

Persons with a zero-hour employment agreement or with a contract for a limited period of time may not submit a proposal, except for a tenure track appointment and the exception stated above for lectors and researchers employed at a TO2 institute.

It could be the case that the applicant’s tenure track agreement ends before the intended completion date of the project for which funding is applied for, or that before that date, the applicant’s tenured contract ends due to the applicant reaching retirement age. In that case, the applicant needs to include a statement from their employer in which the organisation concerned guarantees that the project and all project members for whom funding has been requested will receive adequate supervision for the full duration of the project. Applicants employed by a university of applied sciences or a TO2 institute whose employment ends before the intended completion date of the project for which funding is applied must also include such a statement.

Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.

The NWO budget modules (including the maximum amount) available for this Call for proposals are listed in the table below. Apply only for funding that is vital to realise the project. Proposals are required to have at least one personnel position of 12 full-time months

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<td><strong>Available budget modules</strong></td>
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<td>Postdoc – at least 6 full months and at most 36 full-time months, according to UNL or NFU rates</td>
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<td>Research leave – max. 5 months, 1 fte, according to UNL or NFU rates</td>
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<td>Personnel universities of applied sciences and TO2 institutes - rates based on Handleiding Overheidstarieven (HOT) (Manual for Dutch Government Fees.)</td>
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<td>Material costs – max. 15 000 € per year per full-time scientific position (postdoc) or 0.2 FTE scientific employee applied for at a university of applied sciences or TO2 organisation</td>
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Knowledge utilisation - max. € 25,000
Participation in the Knowledge Hub may be applied for within this module, travel and accommodation costs only, with a maximum of € 3,600 for 3 meetings.

Internationalisation - max. € 25,000
For the budget module “Postdoc”, a one-off individual bench fee of €5,000 is added on top of the salary costs to encourage the scientific career of the project employee funded by NWO.

Note that PhD positions cannot be applied for in this call, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years.

The budget items “overhead”, “equipment” and “subcontracting costs” in the Water4All format are not eligible for NWO funding. Please refer to the detailed explanation of NWO budget modules’ to see which costs are eligible for NWO funding.

It is recommended to use the NWO budget template in the pre-proposal stage to confirm eligibility of budget items.

Submission of a completed budget form to NWO is obligatory at full proposal phase. See ‘Relevant documents’ below for the budget template and more details.

Do not hesitate to contact the national contact person in case of questions.

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Other Funding Criteria

An application for NWO funding (i.e. the Dutch part of a European consortium) has a single main applicant (i.e. Dutch Partner or Coordinator in the European consortium), responsible for scientific and financial management.

An applicant may only request NWO funding for one project (part of a European consortium) in this call of the European Water4All Partnership.

Applicants may not apply for a post-doc position for themselves.

Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO.

Relevant documents

Full details for project funding in this call and relevant forms are available on the NWO website:
https://www.nwo.nl/calls/aquaticecosystemservices

This includes a mandatory NWO budget form the Applicants are required to submit by the deadline for full proposals. The completed budget form can be submitted to NWO via water4all@nwo.nl.
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<td>Impact of the research is at the heart of this call of the European Water4All Partnership. Please refer to the detailed description of requirements and evaluation criteria, including impact, in the full call announcement of the Water4All Partnership. Stakeholder engagement is essential to maximize the chances of reaching impact and NWO considers engagement of stakeholders an important asset, starting with the design of your project, as well as the definition of active roles for each of them during the course of the project. Valorisation of stakeholder engagement in the project (as self financed industrial and/or societal partner) in the form of in kind or in cash contributions from stakeholders is therefore strongly recommended by NWO. Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO. The budget for Kingdom of The Netherlands in this call is brought together by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (IenW) and the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV) and the Dutch Research Council (NWO).</td>
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<td>For full details of the general NWO funding process, please refer to <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/apply-funding-how-does-it-work">https://www.nwo.nl/en/apply-funding-how-does-it-work</a> The NWO Grant Rules 2017 and the Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research are applicable to the part of the project’s budget covered by the grant from NWO. Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by NWO within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objections procedure can be found on the NWO website.</td>
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