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A K A D E M I E V A N W E T E N S C H A P P E N

Regulations for the KNAW Van Walree Fund 2026

Section 1 General

- 1 The KNAW Van Walree Fund ('the Fund') was set up in 1987 by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW, 'the Academy').
- 2 Its assets consist of the estate of Ms Emilie van Walree.
- 3 With effect from 2023, the Fund's objective is to promote and encourage sustainable, innovative, and internationally accessible knowledge sharing/communication between medical researchers on the topic of medical research.
- 4 Once a year, grants are awarded to researchers for the objective set out in paragraph 3.
- 5 The grant amounts to a maximum of €10,000.

Section 2 Conditions for Applying

Applications can be submitted by researchers

- a. who work in the medical, biomedical, or health sciences;
- b. who are affiliated with a university or research institute in the Kingdom of the Netherlands during the activity that is to be financed by the Fund.

Section 3 Conditions for Activities of Products

The activities or products for which researchers can apply for a grant must meet the following conditions:

- they are sustainable, i.e. they have the least possible adverse impact on nature and the environment;
- they are innovative, i.e. they differ from regular means of communication such as websites;
- they enable knowledge sharing/communication about medical research between medical researchers;
- they make knowledge generated by medical research widely accessible internationally.

Section 4 Conditions for Funding

Funding is subject to the following conditions:

- the budget for the activity or product is a maximum of €10,000;
- the budget consists solely of direct costs for carrying out the activity or creating the product;
- the grant is *not* intended to cover the salary costs of the researchers involved, existing activities or products, communication activities for non-scientific/scholarly public groups, purchase of hardware (computers, projectors, etc.), rental of premises, travel and accommodation expenses, speakers' fees, and other regular conference costs;
- the grant is not intended for activities or products that can be carried out/created within the budget for existing projects;
- the grant is intended solely for the applicant;
- the grant can only be awarded once to a particular researcher.



Section 5 Conditions for Submission

- 1 Applications must be submitted in Dutch or English by e-mail, using the application form provided by the Academy and accompanied by the requested attachments. An application will be considered to have been submitted when the person submitting it has received confirmation of receipt from the Academy.
- 2 The application form with the requested attachments must be sent to wetenschapsfondsen@knav.nl before the deadline set by the Academy. Applications that have not been submitted by that date will not be considered.
- 3 Members of the Academy Board and members of the KNAW Van Walree Fund's Assessment Committee may not submit/co-submit applications.

Section 6 Tasks, Composition, and Working Methods of the Assessment Committee

- 1 The Board of the Academy will appoint an Assessment Committee for the KNAW Van Walree Fund, whose task will be to assess applications and to decide on the award of a grant on behalf of the Board.
- 2 The Assessment Committee will consist of three (3) members, including the chairperson. The chairperson will be appointed to that position and will be an Academy member. The members will be appointed by the Academy Board for three (3) selection rounds, with the possibility of reappointment.
- 3 All decisions of the Assessment Committee will be by a majority vote.
- 4 Members of the Assessment Committee must adhere to the Academy's Code of Conduct Governing Conflicts of Interest for Awards, Memberships and Funding [*Gedragcode belangenverstrengeling fondsen, prijzen en lidmaatschappen*].
- 5 The Academy will appoint an official secretary to assist the Assessment Committee.

Article 7 Assessment Criteria

Assessment of applications for a grant from the KNAW Van Walree Fund by the Assessment Committee will be based on the following criteria:

- a. the extent to which the activity/product is sustainable (with sustainability being interpreted primarily as minimising the adverse impact on nature and the environment);
- b. the innovative nature of the activity/product;
- c. the societal impact of the activity/product;
- d. the feasibility of the activity/product (within the specified time with the available resources).

Section 8 Award

- 1 Applicants will be notified of the Assessment Committee's decision within two (2) months from the application deadline.
- 2 In the event of a grant being awarded, the award terms and conditions in the appendix to these Regulations will apply.

Section 9 Final Provisions

- 1 These Regulations were adopted by the Academy Board on 16 January 2023, entered into effect on 1 March 2023, and were amended on 5 March 2026.
- 2 In all cases not provided for in these Regulations, the Academy Board will decide.



Appendix

Award Conditions for the KNAW Van Walree Fund

- 1 The activity/product must be carried out/created within two (2) years of the award decision.
- 2 If the applicant (i.e. the recipient) wishes to deviate from the proposal for which funding has been awarded, the recipient must submit a change request to the Academy.
- 3 A maximum of one (1) change request can be submitted.
- 4 The Academy may approve or reject the change request. If the change request is rejected, the Academy will decide what the consequences will be for the award of the funding. This includes the possibility of the funding being withdrawn.
- 5 The recipient is responsible for the budget and for budget control.
- 6 In order to implement the award of funding, the Academy processes the personal data of the recipient. This personal data is processed in accordance with the Academy's [General Data Protection Regulations for Academy Science Funds](#) [*Algemene Verordening Gegevensbescherming KNAW Wetenschapsfondsen*].
- 7 The recipient (or the recipient's university/research institute) may submit an invoice to the Academy for payment of an advance of 100% in the case of an award of up to €15,000 or 80% for an award exceeding €15,000.
- 8 The funding (earmarked) will be transferred to the recipient's university/research institute.
- 9 Within three (3) months of the end of the activity/creation of the product (the date/duration stated in the application form), the recipient must e-mail a report to the Academy accounting for the activity/product. The report must consist of a brief account of the activity/activities that has/have been carried out and an overview of expenses in accordance with the accountability form available on [this webpage](#).
- 10 The Academy will determine whether the accountability report is satisfactory and may request the recipient to clarify any ambiguities or missing information or provide additional information.
- 11 The Academy will determine the final amount of the funding based on the accountability report. If the final amount is less than the advance that may have been paid, the recipient must repay the difference to the Academy. If the final amount exceeds the 80% advance that may have been paid, the recipient's university/research institute must submit an invoice to the Academy for payment of the remainder.
- 12 If the recipient fails to submit the accountability report within the specified period of three (3) months, the Academy will send a written reminder. If the recipient has still failed to submit the report thirty (30) days after said reminder, the Academy may withdraw the award of funding and reclaim any advance payment.
- 13 Funding from the KNAW Van Walree Fund is awarded on the basis of the budget specified by the recipient in the application. The recipient must notify the Academy, in writing, if funding has been obtained elsewhere for the same purpose after the award of a grant from the Fund. The Academy will then assess whether and to what extent that funding will be deducted from the amount awarded.
- 14 If the Academy has sufficient reason to believe that the recipient and/or third parties engaged by the recipient has/have violated standards of scientific integrity when applying for, performing, and/or reporting on the activity/activities, it may require repayment of the funding. This right to repayment will remain valid for up to five (5) years after the funding was awarded. The relevant standards are laid down in codes of conduct that are available on [this website](#).



- 15 The Academy would appreciate it if the recipient states in publicity and publications arising from the project that the project was made possible (in part) by the Van Walree Fund, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts & Sciences.
- 16 The Academy will state on its website that the recipient has been awarded a grant from the KNAW Van Walree Fund. If the recipient does not agree to publication of these details (name, research institute, the title of the project, and a brief summary of the latter) on the website, the recipient must inform the Academy accordingly within one (1) week of receiving the award letter.
- 17 The Academy would appreciate being notified in good time when the recipient intends on publicising the project, so that the Academy can also include this in its own communications.