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Landsteiner Foundation
for Blood Transfusion Research

LSBR Early Career Grant 2027

INFORMATION

What

The Early Career Grant intends to give young researchers in the Netherlands the possibility to acquire further experience in the Netherlands or abroad, or to return to the Netherlands after a postdoc period elsewhere, thereby strengthening the research field in the Netherlands within the scope of the LSBR. Candidates are eligible when they obtained both an MSc (or MD) and PhD degree at a university in the Netherlands. Exceptions to these criteria can be considered in exceptional cases only, and will require prior approval by the LSBR office.
Applications need to submitted by the young investigators (not their supervisors).

The Early Career Grant projects will have a duration of maximally 2 years, with a maximum budget of 200,000 Euro. The grant is intended to cover salary and bench fee of the postdoc. For 2027 two grants will be available.

The Early Career Grant can also be used to propose short term projects (maximally 3 months, maximum budget 25,000 Euro) like pilot studies or visits to other research institutes to learn specific techniques etcetera.

The line of research can be another topic of research than the PhD research, but may be in the same research field.

Applicants are encouraged to perform (part of) the work abroad if this would be beneficial for the realization of the project. This should be included and justified in the application. Requests for congress visits will not be considered.

The Early Career Grant proposals will be reviewed as a separate category in order to avoid unfair competition with full projects by senior investigators.
Reviewing of proposals will be done by the LSBR Scientific Advisory Council.

The goal is to strengthen the Dutch clinical and experimental scientific research in the field of blood, blood-forming tissue, blood derivaties, or blood (related) diseases.

When

Call for proposals Autumn 2026
Deadline for proposals July 30, 2027
Decisions on granting Autumn 2027

Who

Eligibility conditions for an Early Career Grant:

- The duration of an LSBR Early Career Grant project has a maximum of 2 years.
- Starting date project later than November 2027, but not later than November 2028.
- Short term projects or proposals (maximum 3 months) are also invited.
- The candidate must hold a PhD, should have approval by the doctoral committee and/or have confirmation of the date of thesis defense in writing. Candidate achieved MSc (or MD) and PhD degree at a university in the Netherlands. Exceptions to these criteria can considered in exceptional cases only, and will require prior approval by the LSBR office.
- PhD research and MSc has been at a Dutch research institute. Exceptions to these criteria can considered in exceptional cases only, and will require prior approval by the LSBR bureau.
- A proposal can be submitted maximally 3 years after obtaining your PhD.
- For 2027 the applicant should have a confirmation of the date of the thesis defense in 2027 or should have defended the thesis later than January 1, 2024.
- If you would like to put forward valid reason(s) for an extension of the deadline you are kindly asked to contact the LSBR.
- The postdoc is required to work a minimum of 0.75 FTE per year during the entire project.
- The postdoc should be employed by the host institute during the term of the project.
- A letter of commitment by the host institute is necessary, but can be provided shortly after the conditional granting of the proposal and should state that the researcher will be supported and facilitated for the whole research period. Please use the form available by electronic request at the LSBR bureau.
- Preferably the project will be performed at another institute than that for the PhD research.

How

Applications need to be submitted by the PhD student or postdoc (not their supervisors).
Procedure for Early Career Proposals.

- A special application form is available for Early Career proposals.
- Proposals do not exceed 4 pages; CV does not exceed 2 pages. **Longer proposals will be considered not eligible.**
- Proposals for an Early Career Grant must be submitted by e-mail on or before **July 30, 2027** (23:59 hours)
- Proposals for an Early Career Grant will be evaluated by the LSBR Scientific Advisory Council. There is no rebuttal phase.

Required documents:

- Application form Early Career Grant
- CV, no narrative CVs, clear chronological dates (including start of PhD, and if applicable date of thesis defense or approval of thesis by thesis committee, dates of post-doctoral positions etc).
- Letter of commitment (electronic request at the LSBR bureau)

The Council will present a written recommendation to the Board regarding each project. The Board will make a final decision in November 2027, taking into account the available budget.
You will be notified of the Board's decision concerning your project. You will accept this decision as final. There will be no further communication or discussion concerning this matter.

Disclaimer

Both documents and procedures for the Early Career Grant have been produced with great care. Any misunderstandings or questions on both the documents and the procedures can be put forward into writing. The Board of the LSBR will have the final say in matters.

The Early Career Grant documents and procedures will be evaluated each year.

Explanation of questions on application form

Proposals that exceed 4 pages will not be considered. Using figures is allowed within the page limit of 4 pages, but please mind the resolution of figures.

You may indicate the type of Early Career Grant by deleting the other two options. If you are not sure whether you are eligible to apply for a first or second period postdoc grant, please contact the LSBR bureau.

Select the type of proposal. The selection of first or second postdoc period must be made carefull, second period postdoc proposals from researchers in tenure tracks will not be considered.

1 - Applicant

Add your CV, whit clear chronical dates, separately. Please do not add a narrative CV and do not exceed 2 pages.
Add your name, full postal address (can be a private address), e-mail address.
Add an approval of the doctoral committee (please send letter of approval) and/or date thesis defense (please send letter to confirm), title of thesis, name of promotor and institute.
Add a letter of commitment stating that the researcher will be supported and facilitated for the whole research period. Form available.
Host institute(s) for the proposed project.
Full postal address(es).

2 - Title of proposal

3 - Proposed work and relevance to the LSBR

Please provide a project description by stating the rationale, research question, methodology, including power calculation and statistical analysis if applicable.
Please indicate why you consider your research proposal to fall (on the short and/or long run) within the scope of the goal of LSBR

The Landsteiner Foundation for Blood Transfusion Research (LSBR) supports fundamental research, including clinical and experimental investigations in the field of blood, blood derivatives, and blood (related) diseases, provided that these topics are related to transfusion or blood cell transplantation.
This scope spans a wide range of subjects in the field of haematology, including haematopoiesis, haemostasis, immunotherapy, transfusion medicine, and other issues relevant to the field.

4 - Intended period

The starting date of the project should be later than November 2027, but not later than November 2028.

5 - Total sum of grant requested, please add an indication of the budget on all components

To establish a budget please use the following guidelines:
Early Career Grant: maximum budget 200,000 Euro. For a short project the maximum budget is 25,000 Euro.
Postdoc researchers must be budgeted in accordance with grade 11 CAO-NU with an annual seniority upgrade of one level.
Specify salary (including all social security contributions), travel costs, bench fee etc.

6 - Collaborations, embedding

Please mention your collaborators outside of the host institution and the expertise they contribute to your project. Please specify if this is a new collaboration. If you have collaborated previously, please specify on which topic and how long ago.
Embedding: please describe in which way the expertise in the host institute supports your project and how this contributes to your scientific development.

7 - Work plan and time frame

When a visit abroad is part of the work plan, please motivate and substantiate.
Please provide milestones and a contingency plan that addresses unforeseen outcomes of the subsequent steps.

8 - Expected results of the proposed work

9 - Additional aspects of the proposed work and relevant remarks

Add information, *when applicable*, on questions like:
Is any research planned with humans, and is there approval by a medical-ethical committee?
Are experiments planned with animals, and is there approval by an appropriate committee?
Does the research involve biological hazard?
Is sex as a biological variable (SABV) relevant for your research? If so, how will you deal with this. For information: https://genderfulresearchworld.com/
Has funding for this project been asked elsewhere and if so, where?

For further questions you may also contact the LSBR bureau, or find information in “The information for the applicant” on the website.