

## Call 2025-2026

**By submitting a request the submitter confirms the following.**

### 1. Introduction

UitZicht is a cooperation of several Dutch funds for people with visual impairment. These funds finance -among other things- scientific research on the **origins, prevention and treatment** of diseases of the eye.

The aim of the cooperation is to provide a clearing house for grant applications with an independent review procedure. The LSBS manages the secretarial work.

You can request subsidies for the funding of scientific studies or smaller pre-study projects as further described in paragraph 2. Each of the participating funds of UitZicht individually decides whether or not your request will be (partly) honoured, according to their own policy. The funds are entirely autonomous and free in their policy.

By signing the request form the applicant agrees with the definitions, preconditions, the described procedure and the possible conditions made by the funds.

UitZicht organizes an nineteenth subsidy round at the end of 2025/beginning of 2026. Completed request forms for the nineteenth subsidy round should be submitted before November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, 23:59 CET.

### 2. Types of research financed via UitZicht

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**You can ask for subsidy via the UitZicht-application form for:**

- Regular scientific studies with a maximum requested budget of € 300.000;
- Pilot studies (investigation of the 'problems') with a maximum of € 100.000.

**You cannot ask subsidy via UitZicht for:**

- Scientific apprenticeship;
- Conference participation (only);
- Printing costs of dissertations;
- Applied research aimed at more independent functioning, participation in the society of people with visual impairment. Examples are general rehabilitation, education and work, parenting, study and development, auxiliary tools, technology and information processing for people with visual impairment. For the funding of this type of research we suggest Stichting InZicht ([InZicht - ZonMw](#))

### 3. Preconditions

#### Before grants are honoured

- No later than **November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, 11.59 PM CET** submit your application digitally via the online application form on the website <https://uitzicht.nl/application-form> Applications submitted after 1 November 11.59 PM will not be taken into consideration.
- The study must comply with the definitions mentioned in paragraph 2.
- Part A and C should be submitted in English. Part B should be submitted in Dutch.
- The maximum amount is € 300.000, and € 100.000 for a pilot-study.
- The applicant is a natural person, allied to a Dutch institution or university. The applicant is also the corresponding person.
- The study should basically start within 12 months after the subsidy is granted.
- With regard to the application, the researchers and the reviewers conform to the Policy on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence as articulated by the NWO (<https://www.nwo.nl/en/nwo-policy-on-the-use-of-generative-artificial-intelligence-gai>).

#### After grants are honoured

- You can only request the funds to start paying you, after you have informed them that the funding for the whole project is complete.
- Before the December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the grant is awarded please inform the funds about the financial status of your study: Did you get the needed funding or are you still occupied with collecting them? When you do not inform before the 31<sup>st</sup> of December automatically all the granted subsidies are gone/cancelled.
- For research involving human or animal subjects you need approval of the METC/DEC. Otherwise the subsidy will be withdrawn.
- Each year before March 1<sup>st</sup>, progress- and final reports should spontaneously be e-mailed to the secretarial office of UitZicht ([aanvraag@uitzicht.nl](mailto:aanvraag@uitzicht.nl)), by means of the Progress report form. Progress reports of projects started on and after July 1<sup>st</sup> should be e-mailed before March 1<sup>st</sup> of the next calendar year. For example when the project starts on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, the first progress report should not be e-mailed before March 1<sup>st</sup> of 2026 but before March 1<sup>st</sup> of 2027.
- A Progress Report should also be e-mailed before March 1<sup>st</sup> when the study ends for example one or two months later. A final report (including a financial statement) should be e-mailed to the secretarial office of UitZicht the next year before March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- When the project ends prematurely, because of the research itself, the part of the grant that has been paid by the fund but not spent by the researcher, has to be returned. For the part that has been spent, proper financial justifications should be given. When the reason is not directly research related (such as reorganizations and departure of employee(s)) the whole amount that has been paid – without any deductions - should be refunded.
- Applications for the same study can be submitted only twice through UitZicht.
- In publications based on studies funded via UitZicht please use the following text:  
*The author was supported by the following foundations: (names) that contributed through UitZicht. The funding organizations had no role in the design or conduct of this research. They provided unrestricted grants.*
- With regard to their research, the researchers conform to:  
=> the Scientific Integrity Code of Conduct as much as possible and to the extent appropriate to the UitZicht procedure ([Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity | NWO](#)).  
=> the Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) guidelines of the (research) institutions where they work and the European guidelines for the responsible use of GAI in research.

- By applying you agree that your name and the title of your application/research will be mentioned on the website of UitZicht when one or more of the participating funds has given you a grant/subsidy (see [2023-2024 | UitZicht](#))

#### 4. Procedure

Deadline submitting applications November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, 23.59 (CET)

**step 0: October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 (between 9 AM and 5 PM) – Pitches**

Researchers who intend to submit an application have the opportunity to present and explain their plan to the Patient Panel (and Boardmembers of the funds). To apply for the pitch, please send an email to: [paneluitzicht@oogvereniging.nl](mailto:paneluitzicht@oogvereniging.nl). For more information, please call Mirjam Boers 030-2006315 (Oogvereniging).

**Step 1: November 2<sup>nd</sup> until November 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Committee Criteria**

A committee to be appointed by UitZicht of three experts (Mrs. Prof. M.J. Jager, Mr. Prof. T.T.J.M. Berendschot and Mr. Prof. R.O. Schlingemann) will decide whether your request for a subsidy meets the definitions and preconditions and thus qualifies for UitZicht. If this is not the case, the application will be returned.

**Step 2: November 2<sup>nd</sup> until November 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Committees Reviewers**

Several Committees Reviewers (for different subject blocks) are appointed by the UitZicht Committee. Their task is to appoint scientific experts to review. If Committee members themselves are requested to review, they can only review an application of another subject block than the subject of their Committee.

**Step 3: November 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 until February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 – Advice by the Patient Panel (Relevance)**

A group of about 10 - 15 patients will establish an advice to the applicant. The reviews are collected by the secretariat.

**Step 4: November 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 until January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Scientific Reviews**

The reviewers are being approached and requested for a review. Reviews are collected by the secretariat.

**Step 5: February 15<sup>th</sup> until March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026 (before 9.00 AM CET) - Rebuttal**

Rebuttal by the applicant on the Scientific Quality Reviews and the Advice by the Patient Panel. Researchers are also given the opportunity (no obligation) to send in a short video presentation (max. 5 minutes, before March 25<sup>th</sup>) to provide a verbal explanation of the planned project.

**Step 6: March 6<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Final Ranking and Final Advice**

The Committee Scientific Quality is appointed by the UitZicht Committee. Their task is to evaluate the objectivity and fairness of the reviews. The members of this Committee give their final ranking and the Patient Panel gives its final advice to the UitZicht Committee, including any feedback on the Procedure. This will lead to a final ranking of scientific quality.

**Step 7: April 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Funds**

Participating funds receive their subsidy requests, the reviews, the advice, the rebuttals, the video presentations and the ranking.

**Step 8: April 11<sup>th</sup> until May 21<sup>st</sup> 2026 – Board meetings participation funds**

The participating funds each have their own board meeting.

The funds announce their intended decisions to the secretariat of UitZicht.

**Step 9: May 28<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Coordination Meeting**

The participating funds meet. The main goal of this meeting is to avoid overfunding.

**Step 10: May 28<sup>th</sup> until June 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 (before 9.00 AM CET) – Final decisions**

The funds announce their final decisions to the secretariat of UitZicht.

**Step 11: Before July 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 – Funds inform the applicants about their decisions**

P.S. Please consider the following dates:

Thanksgiving: 26 November 2026

Kerstdagen 2025

Oud- en Nieuw 2025-2026

Chinees nieuwjaar: 17 February 2025

Voorjaarsvakantie Noord: 21 February until 1 March 2026

Voorjaarsvakantie Midden en Zuid: 14 until 22 February 2026

Suikerfeest: 19 March 2026

NOG Congres: 25 until 27 March 2026

Goede vrijdag: 3 April 2026

Pasen: 5 and 6 April 2026

Koningsdag: 27 April 2026

Meivakantie alle regio's: 25 April until 3 May 2026

ARVO Congres: 3 tot en met 7 mei 2026

Bevrijdingsdag: 5 May 2026

Hemelvaartsdag: 14 May 2026

AOS congres US: 21 until 23 May 2026

Pinksteren: 24 and 25 May 2026

**Parallel - previous awarded research**

- Previous awarded researchers have to deliver their progress report before the March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026.
- By March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026 these reports will be sent to the Progress Committee.
- Around April 20<sup>th</sup> 2026 the report of the Progress Committee is completed. The funds will be informed.