

## Call 2021-2022

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. Please send your application or report only as a MS Word document because pdf-files are not as accessible for people with visual impairment and their computer devices.

UitZicht organizes a fifteenth subsidy round at the end of 2021/beginning of 2022. Completed request forms for the fifteenth subsidy round should be submitted before November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, 11:59 PM CET.

### 2. Definitions of types of research financed via Uitzicht

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#### Definitions of the types of research\*

- Fundamental research: research with a research question mainly defined by internal scientific motives and primarily focussed on the increase of knowledge. Fundamental research often leads to practical applications. In general this concerns long-term research.
- Strategic research: research with a research question defined by internal scientific motives, but also oriented towards practical application, or with a more generally formulated practical problem taken from clinical or social practices as starting point. Generally spoken, this is middle-long-term research.
- Applied research with a research question based on a specific, concrete problem, the aim being practical application. This mostly involves short-term research.

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

- Regular scientific studies with a maximum requested budget of € 250.000;
- Pilot studies (investigation of the 'problems') with a maximum of € 75.000.

### **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 the Stichting InZicht.

## **3. Preconditions**

### **Before grants are honoured**

- No later than **November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, 11.59 PM CET** submit your application digitally via the form on the website [www.uitzicht.nl](http://www.uitzicht.nl). Please send only MS Word documents (.doc or .docx extension). Applications submitted after 1 November will not be taken into consideration.
- The study must comply with the definitions mentioned in paragraph 2.
- Part A should be submitted in English. Part B and C should be submitted in Dutch.
- The maximum amount is € 250.000, and € 75.000 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.

### **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 1 March, progress- and final reports should spontaneously be sent to the secretarial office of UitZicht, by means of the Progress report form. Progress reports of projects started after July 1<sup>st</sup> should be sent in before March 1<sup>st</sup> of the next calendar year.
- A Progress Report should also be sent 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 sent 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.
- 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 <https://uitzicht.nl/2017-2018/>)

#### **4. Procedure**

##### **Step 1: September 30th 2021 – Pitch**

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).

##### **Step 2: November 1<sup>st</sup> until November 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Committee Criteria**

A committee to be appointed by Uitzicht of three experts (Mrs. Prof. J.M.M. Hooymans, Mr. Prof. A. Kijlstra 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 3: November 1<sup>st</sup> until November 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Sub-Panels ‘Scientific Quality’**

The Sub-Panels are appointed by the Uitzicht Committee. These Sub-Panels Scientific Quality appoint scientific experts to review.

It is the intention not to appoint reviewers who are also a member of the Sub-Panel.

##### **Step 4: November 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 until January 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 – 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 5: November 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 until January 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 – Scientific Reviews**

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

##### **Step 6: February 15<sup>th</sup> until March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 (before 9.00 AM CET) - Rebuttal**

Rebuttal by the applicant on the Scientific Quality Reviews and the Advice by the Patient Panel.

##### **Step 7: March 4<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 – Final Ranking and Final Advice**

The Sub-Panels Scientific Quality give their final ranking and the Patient Panel gives its final advice.

##### **Step 8: March 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 – Meeting**

Meeting of the chairmen of the Sub-Panels ‘Scientific Quality’, two members of the Patient Panel and two members of the Uitzicht Committee. This meeting will lead to a final ranking of scientific quality. The Procedure and Applications may be discussed.

**Step 9: April 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 – Funds**

Participating funds receive their subsidy requests, the reviews, the advice, the rebuttals and the rankings.

Recommendation:

April 11<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup> boards prepare board meeting

April 18<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup> boards have their board meeting

P.S. Please consider the following dates: 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 – Easter,

1<sup>st</sup> of May until the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 - ARVO congress, 27<sup>nd</sup> of April 2022 – Kingsday,

5<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 – Liberation Day, 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 – Ascension Day

**Step 10: May 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 – Coordination Meeting**

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

**Step 11: May 19<sup>th</sup> until May 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 (before 9.00 AM CET) – Final decisions**

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

**Step 12: Before June 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 – Funds inform the applicants**

**Parallel - previous awarded research**

- Previous awarded researchers have to deliver their progress report before the March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.
- By March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 these reports will be sent to the Progress Committee.
- Around April 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 the report of the Progress Committee is completed. The funds will be informed.