



# KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSE AKADEMIE VAN WETENSCHAPPEN

## **Guidelines Dobberke Grant 2023 of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation for Comparative Psychology**

### *Article 1 General provisions*

- 1 The Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation for Comparative Psychology, established in 1950 by S.L. van Stolk and transferred to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) in 2005, finances the Dobberke Grant (hereafter: the grant) for scientific research in the field of animal behaviour; this includes fields as behavioural biology and psychology.
- 2 The grant is awarded annually.
- 3 The grant consists of a sum between 2,000 EUR and 6,000 EUR (in words: two-thousand and six-thousand euros).

### *Article 2 Conditions for application*

Applications can be submitted by PhD-candidates and researchers who work at (or are affiliated with) a university or research institute in the Netherlands. Applications submitted by non-graduates/master students are not eligible for funding.

### *Article 3 Conditions regarding admissible research fields*

Activities for which researchers may apply for a grant must concern research primarily focused on animal behaviour; this excludes research that is entirely neurobiological or physiological or is focused predominantly on humans.

### *Article 4 Conditions for funding*

- 1 The applicant may apply for the following forms of funding:
  - a. research costs;
  - b. costs of study trips to visit foreign research groups;
  - c. organization costs of scientific meetings or knowledge dissemination
- 2 Funding is not intended for:
  - a. the costs of items considered to be part of an institute's standard equipment;
  - b. the applicant's regular work program;
  - c. salaries, courses, dissertations, open-access fees, conference presentations or attendance;
  - d. costs already incurred in on-going research
- 3 The grant is intended solely for the applicant's project.

### *Article 5 Conditions for submission*

- 1 Applications must be submitted by e-mail using the application form made available by the KNAW and accompanied by the requested attachments. An application is considered to have been submitted when the applicant receives confirmation of receipt from the KNAW.
- 2 The application form with the requested attachments must be sent to [wetenschapsfondsen@knaw.nl](mailto:wetenschapsfondsen@knaw.nl) before the closing date set by the KNAW. Applications that are submitted after this deadline will not be considered.
- 3 Members of the KNAW Board and of the Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation may not submit or co-submit applications.

### *Article 6 Task, composition and working methods of the Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation*

- 1 The KNAW Board will install the Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation whose task will be to assess the applications for the grant and to decide on the award of a grant.



- 2 The Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation will consist of a minimum of five and a maximum of seven members, including the chair, the board secretary and the treasurer. Its members will be appointed for four years with a possibility to be reappointed.
- 3 All decisions by the Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation will be taken by majority vote.
- 4 Members of the Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation must adhere to the Academy Code of Conduct Governing Conflicts of Interest for Awards, Memberships and Funding.
- 5 The KNAW will appoint an executive secretary to assist the Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation.

#### *Article 7 Assessment criteria*

The Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation will use the following criteria to assess applications submitted for a grant:

- a. scientific quality of the grant proposal;
- b. suitability regarding the aim to fund scientific research in the field of animal behaviour; including fields as behavioural biology and psychology;
- c. the CV of the applicant;
- d. the budget of the research project;
- e. the reason for applying for the grant

#### *Article 8 Conferral*

- 1 Applicants will be notified within two months after the deadline for submitting applications about the decision of the Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation.
- 2 In the case a grant is awarded, the grant conditions in the attachment to these guidelines apply.

#### *Article 9 Final provisions*

- 1 These guidelines were adopted by the Board of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation on 1 July 2019 and will enter into force with effect from 1 July 2019.
- 2 In any circumstance not provided for by these guidelines, the Board will decide.



## Attachment

# Conditions Dobberke Grant of the Dr. D.L. Dobberke Foundation

- 1 The Board of the Dr. D.L. Dobberke Foundation may decide to award part of the requested grant.
- 2 The Dobberke Grant has been awarded on the basis of the budget you have specified in your application. In the case that you are awarded other grants for the same purpose after being awarded the Dobberke Grant, you should state this in the final accountability, after which it will be assessed whether and to what extent the other grants will be deducted from the awarded grant.
- 3 The Dobberke Grant should be spent in the period specified in the grant letter.
- 4 If there are valid reasons for deviating from the approved budget or spending period, the recipient must submit a change request to the KNAW on time.
- 5 A maximum of one change request can be submitted during the course of the grant activities.
- 6 The recipient may request 100 percent of the awarded grant as an advance of the grant. This amount is earmarked and transferred to a bank account of the institution in the Netherlands to which the recipient is affiliated.
- 7 This request cannot be made earlier than 1 month before the start of the grant activities.
- 8 Within three months after the grant activities have ended, the recipient should submit a final accountability to the KNAW by email. The final accountability consists of a report on the grant activities and a financial account. The form for the final accountability is available [on the website of the KNAW](#).
- 9 The KNAW determines the definite amount of the grant on the basis of the final accountability.
- 10 If the recipient does not submit the final accountability on time, the grant may be withdrawn by the KNAW and any advance payment may be reclaimed.
- 11 The grant can be reclaimed, up to 5 years after determination, if the KNAW has sufficient reasons to believe that the recipient and/or third parties engaged by the recipient have violated scientific standards in the application, implementation and or reporting of the grant activities. These standards are laid down in national and international documents, placed in the List of Basic Documents for Scientific Integrity, which is available on [this website](#).
- 12 The recipient must state in all publicity communications and publications arising from the grant activities that the grant activities were made possible (in part) by the Dobberke Grant of the Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation.
- 13 The KNAW announces on the KNAW website that the recipient has been awarded a Dobberke Grant. If the recipient does not agree with the publication of these details (name, research institution and title and short summary of grant activities) on the website, the recipient must inform the KNAW of this within one week of receiving the grant letter.