

## National Annex Netherlands

<b>Overview</b>	Country	The Netherlands
	Funding agency	Dutch Research Council (NWO)
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	Total budget available for GRC SDG call	€ 500,000
	Amount that individual projects can request	€ 125,000 per project
	Permitted project length (in years)	2 to 4 years
<b>Eligibility</b>	Eligible Institutions:	<p>For applicants based in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the NWO eligibility criteria apply.</p> <p>Full, associate and assistant professors and other researchers with a comparable position* may submit an application if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period) or a tenure track agreement at one of the following organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;</li> <li>• university medical centres;</li> <li>• institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO;</li> <li>• the Netherlands Cancer Institute;</li> <li>• the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen;</li> <li>• Naturalis Biodiversity Center;</li> <li>• Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL);</li> <li>• Princess Máxima Center;</li> <li>• IHE Delft Institute for Water Education<sup>1</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>*A comparable position refers to a researcher that has a demonstrable and comparable number of years of experience in carrying out scientific research and supervising other researchers as a full, associate or assistant professor.</p> <p>Persons with a zero-hour employment agreement or with a contract for a limited period of time (other than a tenure track appointment) may not submit a proposal.</p> <p>It could be the case that the applicant's tenure track agreement ends before the intended completion date of the project for which funding is applied for, or that</p>

<sup>1</sup> For this organisation, it is necessary to check whether they meet the following cumulative criteria:

- is based in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- is a public institute and carries out its research independently;
- receives at least 50 percent public funding;
- is not-for-profit other than for the purpose of carrying out further research;
- its researchers enjoy freedom of publication in international scientific journals.

**Please note:** these conditions will be assessed by NWO prior to submission of the proposal. To this end, the applicant's organisation must submit the following documents by email to [grc-sdgcalls@nwo.nl](mailto:grc-sdgcalls@nwo.nl) no later than ten working days before the submission deadline:

- a recent extract from the Chamber of Commerce register;
- the deed of incorporation, articles of association or other formal document indicating the public task and the non-profit status;
- the latest available annual accounts accompanied by an auditor's statement.

If NWO has not assessed the organisation in advance, it cannot take the (pre-)proposal into consideration.

		<p>before that date, the applicant's tenured contract ends due to the applicant reaching retirement age. In that case, the applicant needs to include a statement from their employer in which the organisation concerned guarantees that the project and all project members for whom funding has been requested will receive adequate supervision for the full duration of the project.</p> <p>Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.</p>												
	Eligible programmes/projects:	<p>NWO-funded research partnership projects in Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, South Africa, and Tanzania which were finalised in or after 2017 and had a minimum project duration of 2 years. Ongoing projects can apply if they started no later than 1 April 2020.</p> <p>Applicants have to provide the NWO file number of the completed project on which the proposed project will build.</p> <p>Applicants are strongly advised to contact the respective national contact person in order to check who is eligible to apply and what costs are eligible before submitting the complete application.</p>												
	Project location requirements	Applicants need to state in which country contexts the project will be implemented.												
	Eligible costs and further information on funding conditions	<p><b>Eligible costs</b></p> <p>The budget modules (including the maximum amount) available for this Call for proposals are listed in the table below. Apply only for funding that is vital to realise the project. A more detailed explanation of the budget modules can be found on this page: <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/grc-sdg-call-2022">https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/grc-sdg-call-2022</a> (under the tab 'Prepare').</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Budget module</th> <th>Maximum amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Postdoc</td> <td>3 positions, according to UNL rates<sup>2</sup></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-scientific staff at (NSS) universities</td> <td>€ 100,000, non-scientific staff at (NSS) universities<sup>2</sup>, in combination with postdoc(s)<sup>2</sup></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Scientific personnel (OSS) at universities</td> <td>€ 100,000, in combination with postdoc</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Research leave</td> <td>5 months, 1 fte, according to UNL rates<sup>2</sup></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Personnel universities of applied sciences, educational institutions and other organisations</td> <td>2 positions, in accordance with the applicable rate at the time of awarding the grant as taken from Table 2.2, column 'Hourly rate productive hours, excl. Dutch VAT' from the Handleiding Overheidstarieven [HOT- Manual Dutch Government rates] (<a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/salary-tables">https://www.nwo.nl/en/salary-tables</a>).</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Budget module	Maximum amount	Postdoc	3 positions, according to UNL rates <sup>2</sup>	Non-scientific staff at (NSS) universities	€ 100,000, non-scientific staff at (NSS) universities <sup>2</sup> , in combination with postdoc(s) <sup>2</sup>	Other Scientific personnel (OSS) at universities	€ 100,000, in combination with postdoc	Research leave	5 months, 1 fte, according to UNL rates <sup>2</sup>	Personnel universities of applied sciences, educational institutions and other organisations	2 positions, in accordance with the applicable rate at the time of awarding the grant as taken from Table 2.2, column 'Hourly rate productive hours, excl. Dutch VAT' from the Handleiding Overheidstarieven [HOT- Manual Dutch Government rates] ( <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/salary-tables">https://www.nwo.nl/en/salary-tables</a> ).
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<sup>2</sup> For personnel outside the Netherlands, the local rates are reimbursed. These rates are capped at a maximum equal to the UNL rates corrected by the NWO Country correction coefficients (CCC) table, see <https://www.nwo.nl/en/money-follows-cooperation>.

Material costs	€ 15,000 per year per FTE scientific position
Knowledge utilisation	€ 25,000
Internationalisation	€ 25,000
Project management	Max. 5% of the NWO budget applied for

For the budget module “Postdoc”, a one-off individual bench fee of € 5,000 is added on top of the salary costs. This bench fee is intended to encourage the scientific career of the project employee funded by NWO.

In case budget is requested for personnel from another research organisation than the applicant’s research organisation, and this organisation is also not listed under the eligible institutions mentioned above, then a check is needed. The research organisation must meet the following cumulative criteria:

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- a proof of registration of the research organisation as a legal entity;
- the deed of incorporation, articles of association or other formal document indicating the public task and the non-profit status.

Other organisations involved, like stakeholders, must be also registered as a legal entity.

Please note: NWO will not award funding if, in its view, the provision of funding would constitute State aid within the meaning of Article 107 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. NWO will not award any funding to partners in countries that fall under national or international sanction legislation and rules. The EU Sanctions Map ([www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu)) is guiding in this respect.

Please also note: The financial information that you are asked to submit in the submission system of this call follows a different structure than the mentioned budget modules. For this reason, at the full proposal phase, you will be asked to submit a budget form (available on the grant page on the NWO website) in which the costs requested from NWO are specified according to the NWO modules.

More information on the call, and an explanation of the budget modules can be found at the following web address: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/grc-sdg-call-2022>.

**Further information and funding conditions**

For full details of the general NWO funding process, please refer to <https://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/funding+process+explained>.

		<p>The <a href="#">NWO Grant Rules 2017</a> and the <a href="#">Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research</a> are applicable to the part of the project's budget covered by the grant from NWO.</p> <p>Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by NWO within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objections procedure can be found on the <a href="#">NWO website</a>.</p>
	Other eligibility considerations	<p>The <a href="#">NWO data management protocol</a> applies to projects funded by NWO.</p> <p>Furthermore, submission of financial and substantive reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO.</p>
Resources	Guidance on equity, diversity and inclusion of best practices	<p>NWO strives to achieve an inclusive culture in which there is no place for conscious or unconscious barriers due to cultural, ethnic or religious background, gender, sexual orientation, health or age (<a href="http://www.nwo.nl/en/diversity-and-inclusion">www.nwo.nl/en/diversity-and-inclusion</a>).</p>
	Ethics policy/statement	<p>The applicant is responsible for determining whether an ethical statement or licence is needed for the realisation of the proposed project. The applicant should ensure that this is obtained from the relevant institution or ethics committee on time. If the project is awarded funding, then the grant is issued under the condition that the necessary ethical statement or licence is obtained before the latest start date for the project. The project cannot start until NWO has received a copy of the ethical statement or licence.</p> <p><b>Scientific integrity</b></p> <p>In accordance with the <a href="#">NWO Grant Rules 2017</a>, the project that NWO funds must be carried out in accordance with the nationally and internationally accepted standards for scientific conduct as stated in the Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity (2018) and the <a href="#">Global Code of Conduct for Research in Resource-Poor Settings</a>. In case research is conducted in fragile states, it is advised to consult the <a href="#">Security Guidelines for field research in complex, remote and hazardous places</a>. By submitting the proposal, the applicant commits to these codes. In the case of a (possible) violation of these standards during a project funded by NWO, the applicant should immediately inform NWO of this and should submit all relevant documents to NWO. More information about the Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity and the policy regarding research integrity can be found on the <a href="#">NWO website</a>.</p>