

Dutch Kidney Foundation

PIONIER+

for Co-Funding Research & Innovation

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Disclaimer

The execution of the Dutch Kidney Foundation (DKF) PIONIER+ for Co-Funding Research & Innovation, a DKF Call for proposals, selection of pre-proposals for full application and positive DKF grant award decisions are conditional on DKF revenues and budgetary means. The DKF explicitly reserves the right to cancel an initiated Call for proposals, to suspend a running procedure or to lower a grant amount in relation to earlier statements.

PIONIER+ Program and Grant

The DKF PIONIER+ Program for Co-Funding Research & Innovation ("PIONIER+") is an initiative of the section Health Care & Innovation (HC&I) of the Dutch Kidney Foundation. The HC&I Program Committee (PC) has the authority of decision. Advisory boards for this program are the DKF Scientific Advisory Board (Wetenschappelijke Raad, WR) and the DKF International Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB).

A PIONIER+ Co-Funding Grant is cash only and has a typical size of 100.000 euros. A PIONEER+ Grant covers typically not more than 50% of the total needed cash contribution. Smaller or larger grants are possible within limits. PIONIER+ is aimed at 'first-mover' grants initiating substantial co-funding from other sources. In 2019 PIONIER+ is open for continuous submission.

Aim

The DKF wants to improve the positive impact of research on the life of kidney patients and the prevention of kidney disease. We aim to increase the impact of each donated euro donated by mobilizing co-funding. In addition, want to promote further development of the joint strategic agenda "Beating Kidney Disease", to advance DKF ambitions and to stimulate funding for sustainable kidney health.

Scope

PIONIER+ is open for research & development and innovation projects in a broad sense, including health care innovation if from a research & development perspective. PIONIER+ follows the classification and definitions of the Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation of the European Commission (EC 2014/C 198/01). The applicant is working for a non-profit organisation in the Netherlands. A substantial part of the project must be executed by non-profit (research) organisations in the Netherlands.

Eligibility Criteria

A project must comply with all criteria.

- A project has to fall within the scope of PIONIER+.
- A project must be clearly relevant for kidney patients and/or prevention of kidney disease.
- A project must be directed at and show potential for substantial co-funding outside PIONIER+.
- A project must show sufficient detail for assessment.
- A project must have reliable partners.
- If the project is to be submitted in an external call for proposals, the submission has to be at least eight weeks before the call's deadline, and the call's conditions must not be in conflict with the DKF Grant Requirements ('Subsidievoorwaarden Nierstichting Nederland').

Assessment Criteria

- High project and consortium quality and a potential sizeable positive impact on the quality of life of kidney patients and/or the prevention of kidney disease.

- High potential value for the joint strategic agenda "Beating Kidney Disease", the strategic position of the DKF and/or DKF Ambitions (prevention of kidney disease, treating kidney disease, curing kidney disease).
- If the project is to be submitted in an external call for proposals, it must have a reasonably high estimated chance for approval.

Co-funding Conditions

- The PIONIER+ Co-Funding Grant is cash only.
- The project has substantial co-funding in cash and/or in kind from the partners. Subsidies and grants from non-DKF calls for proposals are considered co-funding. The same proposal cannot be submitted to a DKF Call for proposals.
- If the project is to be submitted in an external call for proposals the co-funding conditions of the call are followed where possible.
- If the project is not to be submitted in an external call for proposals, regular activities of non-profit partners do not count as in kind co-funding.
- The DKF decides on PIONIER+ Co-Funding Grant sizes on a one by one basis.

Assessment

The PC assesses eligibility of submitted proposals (eligibility criteria) and decides on approval or rejection of a project (assessment criteria) and the size of a grant (co-funding conditions). If necessary, national and/or international reviewers and/or the WR or the ISAB will be involved in the assessment of a project's quality.

Reporting

The project leader of a grant reports in compliance with the DKF letter of awarding.

Publications

- The DKF encourages research groups to implement and follow the ARRIVE (Animal Research: Reporting of In Vivo Experiments) guidelines in the design and reporting of animal research to increase its reproducibility and quality.
- The DKF supports and encourages Open Access publishing, preferably via the Gold Route which makes the final version of an article freely and permanently accessible for everyone, immediately after publication. More information can be found on openaccess.nl.
- The DKF supports and encourages FAIR data principles in data management.

Information

More information can be found on our website. For questions about this call please contact the PIONIER+ Program Manager through the DKF program bureau, research@nierstichting.nl or phone +31(0)35 697 8011.