Amsterdam Movement Sciences Innovation Call 2018 – 2020

Introduction

Summary
This is the second call within Amsterdam Movement Sciences to promote high quality innovative interdisciplinary research at VUmc and AMC with the aim to stimulate and support collaboration in AMS and strengthen research excellence.

Budget
The total budget for this call is €1,100,000, to be split in two equal parts between projects anchored within the two medical centers (UMCs).

Eligibility
All necessary information relating to the proposal (e.g. statements of additional financial support for the A2 call) must be submitted together as one pdf-document and before the closing deadline. Proposals should be submitted by (potential) AMS members from AMC or VUmc.

The period covering the proposals is 2018 – December 2020. The application must use the appropriate application form per call (A – E). The costs must be declared where they occur (i.e. VUmc or AMC), to avoid additional VAT costs.

Aim
Each application should aim to promote high quality innovative interdisciplinary research within Amsterdam Movement Sciences with the aim to stimulate and support collaboration within the institute, and boost the future development of (one of) the research programs in Amsterdam Movement Sciences. The granted projects should aim to strengthen the translational chain along the continuum from bench to practical application.
Types of applications

The applicant can request funds to assist in:

A1) Tenure development/mid-career call; to support a talented researcher (holding a PhD) in their tenure track to PI. Call period: 2 years. The call is open for candidates up until 8 years after obtaining the PhD (submission date is leading). This date may be adjusted for applicants to accommodate for parental leave. The call is (also) open to members who are currently appointed, to invest in extra research time. The budget for salary (e.g. temporary stand-in/replacement): €120.000* plus additional maximum €30.000* project costs (travel; patients costs; research costs; lab use etc.) / 1 position per UMC. The appointment must be realized by December 31, 2018.

A2) Tenure development/Clinical Leadership: to further the scientific career of medical specialists. Aimed at talented medical specialists who want to increase their research time with 0,2 fte when this is matched with the same fte (0,2) by their own department. Call period: 2 years. The call is aimed at future clinical research leaders/PIs and is open for candidates up until 8 years after obtaining their PhD (submission date is leading). This date may be adjusted for applicants to accommodate for parental leave. The budget covers salary (e.g. temporary stand-in/replacement): €75.000* / 1 position per UMC. The appointment must be realized by December 31, 2018.

B) Post-doc / Early career call: to enable excellent PhD graduates to continue their academic career as post-doc. The thesis must be approved by the reading committee prior to the submission date. Applications may be submitted up until 3 years after obtaining the PhD (submission date is leading). This date may be adjusted for applicants to accommodate for parental leave. Call period: 1 year. There are two deadlines in 2018: spring and fall (see the submission deadline paragraph). Budget: €60.000* for salary costs and maximum €15.000* project costs (travel; patients; research costs; lab use etc) / 2 positions per UMC. The budget must be realized by no later than 14 months following the call deadline.

C) Grant applications: to obtain a prestigious grant (e.g. EU or NWO vernieuwingsimpuls level). The call is open for (clinical) researchers and postdocs. The budget may be used to cover personnel-, travel costs and consortium meetings. Call period: max. 1 year. There are two deadlines in 2018: spring and fall (see the submission deadline paragraph). Budget: €25.000* / 2 proposals per UMC. The budget must be realized by no later than 14 months following the call deadline.

D) Feasibility studies / Pilot projects: to carry out pilot projects in preparation for grant applications. Budget: max. €50.000*, including projects costs / 2 proposals per UMC. The studies must be completed by December 31, 2019.

E) PhD candidate and MSc student grants: research grants for excellent PhD candidates and master students; may include an internship abroad. Budget: PhD candidate: max. €5.000* / 3 grants, Students: max. €3.000* / 3 grants per UMC. The budget must be realized by no later than 6 months after allocation.
* NOTE that these grant amounts are maximum and cannot be exceeded!

General rules for applicants

Applicants
Applications can be submitted by a (potential) member of the institute at any of the AMC/VUmc/BEW/ACTA departments participating in AMS. The appointed must be realized at one of the UMCs. The main corresponding applicant must be or become a member of the institute.

Criteria
- The proposal must be thoroughly anchored within one of the research programs.
- The proposal must have an interdisciplinary character and if possible be a collaboration between AMS members from various partners in AMS (AMC/VUmc/BEW/ACTA). If the proposal does not offer this kind of research, strong arguments must be presented as to why it is not a collaborative project (various department and/or partners).
- It must offer a distinct, innovative vision on future developments within the field.
- The proposal must benefit the future development of the institute in line with the policy of the involved departments of the VUmc and AMC.
- For application types A and B: the application must clearly state the career prospects of the candidate, and how the grant contributes to the anticipated career path. It should include a further funding strategy and state the deliverables during the appointment period. For application type A2: The proposal must include a written guarantee for the co-matching.
- For application type C: success probability should be explained with respect to both the research proposal and the strength of the candidate.
- For application type D: the aim of the study must be clearly described as well as the success probability of the ensuing grant application.
- For application type E: quality of the candidate, future ambitions, and value of the project for the institute should be stated. Students should be in their master phase, and may apply from the fields of medicine, movement sciences and other life sciences.
- The application must state in which UMC the costs will be made.

Supporting letters
- Application A - D must be accompanied by a supporting letter from the head of the department.
- Application type A2: The proposal must include a written guarantee for the co-matching signed by a financially authorized individual / head of department.
- Application type E: must include a supporting letter / recommendation by an AMS supervisor.
**Submission Deadline**

The proposals should be submitted before May 1, 2018. The outcome will be announced within 8 weeks of submission. All corresponding applicants will be informed by mail.

The calls listed below have specific deadlines:

- Application types B (PD / early career call) and C (grant applications) have two deadlines: May 1, 2018 and November 1, 2018. The outcome will be announced within 8 weeks of submission.
- Application type E (PhD candidate and MSc Student grants): no deadline, open for continuous applications. The outcome will be announced within 4 weeks of submission.

**Application form**

For each call there is a corresponding application form. The forms can be downloaded from the AMS website. Other application forms will not be taken into consideration. The application (including CV(s) and supporting letters) should be submitted in English, as one PDF document. Applications that do not comply with the criteria will not be taken into consideration.

**Submission**

The complete submission should be uploaded as one PDF via this [LINK](#). The proposal must be clearly marked as to research program; which call is applied for; name submitter, and project name (e.g.: P2 - A1 - Bloggs, J. - Walking on Sunshine).

**Evaluation Procedure**

The A – D type proposals will be judged by a scientific jury of AMS members. The final decision will be made by the AMS management team who will review the jury’s recommendations and prioritize the proposals for funding.

The E type applications will be juried by the program leaders where the projects are anchored.

**Evaluation criteria**

- Relevance to the further development of research programs within Amsterdam Movement Sciences;
- Scientific quality of proposal / candidate;
- Innovative character of proposal;
- Interdisciplinary character of proposal;
- Translational aspects;
- Societal relevance;
- Success probability.

**Contact**

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