Travel grants for young talent

Opportunity for a grant writing course and budget for a training in novel methodologies

Call for travel grants for PhD students/postdoctoral researchers 2017

Objective:
The purpose of these grants is to allow PhD students and postdoctoral researchers to receive training in novel methods and/or techniques abroad. Both recipients and CCA should benefit from these work visits. For the PhD student or postdoc, the new methods should improve their research, and the experience abroad will improve their CV and help with future grant applications. The benefits for CCA include expansion of the international network and the accrual of novel technologies.

Total budget for this programme:
€25,000 per year (€1500 - €9750 per grant, depending on the length of stay)

Conditions:
- The recipient will spend one to twelve months abroad.
- He or she will return to the VU University Medical Center Amsterdam (VUmc) or the Academic Medical Center (AMC) and remain there for a minimum of six months. If the recipient is offered a position abroad for a longer period of time, this will have to be approved.
- The salary of the applicant is paid by the department at the VUmc/AMC where the candidate is employed.
- The grants will be awarded based on selection by the CCA board (program leaders and directors).
- Budget: max. €750 for travel expenses and max. €750/month of stay.
- Application should be signed by the chair of the department.
- The date of departure may be no later than 31 December 2017.
- Host institutes have to provide a confirmation of courtesy privileges.
- CCA will be acknowledged for the financial support in the first paper with the new methodology.

Call:
- Applicants submit no more than two A4 pages to explain their research project; which institute they would like to go to; what they expect to learn there; how they believe this will benefit their research and research at CCA; their efforts to search for this methodology at CCA; a time planning.
- Important would be a description how the new methodology will be implemented at CCA so that it can be sustained for the future.
- A CV is provided.
- The deadline for applications is May 18th, 2017.
- Applications will be evaluated by theme leaders of CCA without a conflict of interest.
- Based on the reports of the referents, the board (program leaders and scientific directors) select a number of projects for further elaboration. The applicants of these projects will be offered training in project writing to write a full project proposal. Based on the quality of the project proposals and the available budget, the board of CCA decides which projects will be granted.

Selection criteria:
- The proposed research project must contribute to a research line within CCA.
- Scientific quality and professional qualifications of the applicant.
- Novelty and impact of the new methodology.