



Call for the first Joined ADCA/Ataxia - Huntington Stimulation Grant

Both the Dutch ADCA/Ataxia Association and Dutch Huntington Association find it extremely important to stimulate (young) researchers to perform scientific research related to these respective diseases within The Netherlands. Therefore, the associations have decided to join forces in the first Joined Ataxia - Huntington Stimulation Grant. An amount of up to € 50,000.- will be made available for a promising, small-scale study with an innovative character.

Through this call both associations warmly invite (young) researchers to submit a research proposal. Since for both diseases there is a lot of work still to be done from cure to care, this call will be open for projects over the whole spectrum of scientific research. Although there are definitely differences between the biology and pathology of both diseases, we also see a lot of similarities over the whole width of them. Preference will be given to a project that clearly benefits both diseases, *i.e.* it should be clear how the proposed research ultimately benefits both patient groups.

Conditions

A researcher can submit an application if he or she meets the provided Terms and Conditions (in Dutch). Please keep in mind that the applicant should hold a PhD degree and is currently (or will be at the start of the project) affiliated with a Dutch (research) institution.

Procedure

A researcher can apply for this grant by means of the Application Form. The applications are assessed by members of an independent Assessment Committee on the basis of these criteria:

- giving added value to / relevance for patients with Ataxia and/or Huntington's disease
- there is a clear indication how the results can benefit both disease fields (even in case the focus of the proposal is on one of the two diseases)
- high quality of both the research proposal and the applicant(s)
- results coming from this innovative preliminary study have potential to contribute to a larger follow-up project

The Assessment Committee issues its advice to the boards of both associations. Based on this advice the boards will together decide to whom the grant will be awarded.

Timelines

Completed application forms in PDF format can be submitted to rob@huntington.nl till April 24th, 2020 latest. A verdict on the applications is expected latest mid-July, 2020. The grant will be publically handed out during the next DHDRN/HNN meeting (mid-fall 2020) held in Maastricht. The project can, however, start immediately after the official awarding and signing of a Research Agreement.



Vereniging van Huntington



More information

Dr. Rob Haselberg, board member Dutch Huntington Association, rob@huntington.nl

or

Dr. Gabriëlle Donné – Op den Kelder, interim chair Dutch ADCA/Ataxia Association,
gabrielle@ataxie.nl

Additional documents

- Application form
- Terms and Conditions