**Call for WIMEK Research Fellowships 2025**

WIMEK invites you to submit WIMEK research fellowship applications, starting in 2025 (maximum one application per chair holder). The objectives of the WIMEK research fellowship grants are to strengthen the international collaboration with foreign research groups and to stimulate the scientific quality of research within WIMEK. Grants are meant for non-Dutch scientists from abroad who want to work for a short period of time (up to 3 months) as guest researcher at your chair group (for example as part of a sabbatical) and / or to elaborate a Veni or Vidi proposal for a research topic carried out at your WIMEK chair group.

There are 3 research fellowship categories:

**A. Senior grants for international top scientists in a specific research area for a period of 1 - 4 weeks** (often as part of a profiling workshop or conference). The research grant involves max. € 4.000 and can also include material costs related to the organization of a profiling workshop or conference. Expenses are reimbursed based on real costs. A detailed budget should be attached to the application.

**B. Senior grants with a duration of 1 - 3 months** of € 1.800 per month plus a contribution to travel costs of max. € 1.000 (based on expected real costs). The candidate should have a PhD title plus at least 3 years postdoctoral experience or must have shown long-term experience as senior scientist. This category also includes senior grants with a duration of max. 3 months meant to write an NWO Vidi application.

**C. Junior grants with a duration of 1 - 3 months** of € 1.500 per month plus a contribution to travel costs of max. € 1.000 (based on expected real costs). The candidate should have at least an MSc title. This category also includes junior grants for candidates with a recently obtained PhD title for a period of max. 3 months meant to write an NWO Veni application.

**Assessment criteria**

Criteria used for assessment of proposals are:

* The quality of the candidate as shown in a Curriculum Vitae and publication list.
* The long-term strategic importance of collaboration with the research institute or university of the candidate. The proposals have to show why the long-term collaboration with this institute is important.
* The proposed contribution to the WIMEK PhD programme or to the WIMEK community (e.g. in a PhD course, workshop, lunch lecture, symposium or conference)

Please note that the WIMEK research fellowship grants are not meant for (extra) visits of current WUR scholarship PhD candidates. Visiting researchers may only benefit once from this grant. Only one proposal for each collaborative partner abroad will be eligible for funding.

**Report**

There are no reporting requirements, however we expect a contribution to the wider WIMEK community or WIMEK PhD programme.

The application form (below), the Curriculum Vitae and a publication list of the candidate should be emailed to the WIMEK executive secretary: koen.wetser@wur.nl by the WIMEK applicant **before February 1, 2025**. The total available WIMEK budget for 2025 is approx. € 40.000. There may be a second call later in the year if there is still budget remaining after this call.

**WIMEK research fellowship application form 2025**

**Fellow**

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| Title and name fellow |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Home university or research institute |  |
| Country of university/research institute |  |

**Fellowship**

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| Category research fellowship (A, B or C) |  |
| Name of WIMEK applicant |  |
| WIMEK chair group of applicant |  |
| Name of other chair groups involved (if applicable) |  |
| Length of fellowship |  |
| Period (expected) | From to  |
| Veni or Vidi candidate (yes/no) |  |
| Estimate travel costs (return ticket for fellow) |  |

**Specify the academic qualities of the research fellow**

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| [max 150 words] |

**Description of the research tasks carried out by the research fellow during the fellowship at Wageningen University**

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| [max 150 words] |

**Motivation of the added value of the research fellowship for the chair group of the applicant and if applicable other WIMEK chair groups.**

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| [Max 100 words] |

**Description of the current cooperation between the home institute of the research fellow and the chair group (not applicable for Veni and Vidi candidates)**

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| [Max 100 words] |

**Explain the planned contribution to the WIMEK community or WIMEK PhD programme**

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| [Max 100 words] |

**Request for an additional budget for the organisation of an appealing and profiling workshop or mini-symposium on a theme related to the specific expertise of the guest researcher (only possible for cat A senior grants)**

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| Required budget (please specify in detail in a separate attached form): |

**This application is fully supported and approved by the chair holder**

**NAME (WIMEK applicant) DATE**