

DCVA RECONNECT Talent Program

Call for proposals Fellowship program 2022



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Introduction and process

DCVA consortia contain an allocated budget for the (Young) Talent Program. RECONNEXT has decided to make part of this budget available for RECONNEXT Fellowship grants. In short:

- Budget: € 25.000 – € 50.000 per project
- Deadline: December 15th 2022
- Start: Ultimately April 1st 2023

Criteria

- The RECONNEXT call is open for all applications from talented researchers, not restricted to the RECONNEXT consortium
- The proposal should be novel (not part of already funded work) and strengthen the RECONNEXT program.
- The focus should be on adding knowledge and techniques to the consortium.
- The proposal should have the potential of generating future funding, for example by generating pilot data, by initiating or strengthening collaborations.
- You must have the support of one of the PI's from RECONNEXT, through a letter of support that should be attached to the proposal. Please contact annemarie.scholman@heart-institute.nl for a complete list of names.

Scoring

Each domain is scored by two independent reviewers as follows:

1=poor, 2=average, 3=good, 4=very good, 5=excellent

Domain	Weight	Evident from application
1. The expertise of the applicant	25%	Form 1
2. The quality of the research proposal	25%	Form 2
3. Added value for the RECONNEXT consortium	25%	Form 2
4. Knowledge exchange, impact, towards the future	15%	Form 2
5. Suitability of the host institute	10%	Form 3

Scores are calculated as follows: For reviewer 1 and 2: Σ (subscore (1-5) * weight (%))

Total score: Score of reviewer 1 + score of reviewer 2

Budget and start date

You can request a contribution of RECONNEXT to your proposal of maximum 50.000 Euro. Budget can be spent on salary and/or material/analysis/measurement costs. The budget will be transferred to the awarded candidates in 2023 and 2024, and should be spend before 01-12-2024.

In case the costs for salary and materials are expected to exceed the amounts awarded in these grants, your institution must commit scientifically and financially to your proposal. This includes a guarantee of your position for the duration of the project. In case your project is granted, this commitment will be a condition before your project can start.



Proposal template

You find a template for your proposal on the next pages. Proposals should be written in English. You are not allowed to change margins, font-sizes or line spacing. You may delete all instructions (given in Italics). Proposals should contain the hypothesis, working plan, how they support the RECONNEXT aims and a budget. Please also add details and CV of yourself and your supervisor using the formats below.

Process and deadline

Deadline for proposals: December 15th 2022, 23.59h.

The evaluation and ranking of the projects will be done by the International Advisory Board of RECONNEXT. Expected date for communicating the results is February 1st 2023.

Proposals can be sent to the project manager Annemarie Scholman: annemarie.scholman@heart-institute.nl. For questions about this call and the proposal template, please contact Annemarie Scholman via email or tel: 088-2333603.


Form 1: CV Applicant
Curriculum Vitae

Follow this complete format on maximum 2 A4. Use font Calibri 11 points, don't change the margins, you can delete the instructions (italic text).

Scoring: 25%, domain 1

Name applicant	
Affiliation applicant	
Position applicant (PhD student, Postdoc, ...)	
Date of (planned) PhD defense	<i>For postdocs For PhD students, only if the date has been planned.</i>
End date of final contract period PhD project	<i>For PhD students</i>
Contact details of the institution of the applicant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address • Phone • E-mail 	
1. Positions and honours	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Positions and Employment</i> b. <i>Other Experience and Professional Memberships</i> c. <i>Honours and awards</i> 	
2. Publications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Number of publications: a) total, b) as first author and c) as second last and last author</i> b. <i>Best selected peer-reviewed scientific publications, relevant for this proposal</i> c. <i>Best selected <u>non-scientific</u> publications, e.g., policy documents, guidelines or newspaper articles etc.</i> 	
3. Research support (grants and other)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Ongoing Research Support</i> b. <i>Completed Research Support</i> 	
4. Activities on societal impact (translation of results for the public, participation of patients in the research, etc.)	



Form 2: Proposal

Instruction: Use this template, answer all questions, the proposal should fit on maximum 2 pages (not including the budget), use font Calibri 11 points, don't change the margins, you can delete the instructions (italic text).

Scoring: see below which items are relevant for which scores.

1. Title of the project

2. Background/rationale and hypothesis

3. Short description of project

Scoring: 25%, domain 2

The description should be brief and inspiring. The goal of the project should be innovative and feasible within the given timeframe and the provided budget. Describe the research goal as specific as possible. Give a clear indication of the step-by-step plan and the intended results over time.

4. Added value for the RECONNECT consortium

Scoring: 25%, domain 3

*Describe how your project contributes to the RECONNECT consortium. There should be a strong link with the central hypothesis: **Renal impairment and its systemic consequences adversely impact the coronary microvasculature, driving the onset and progression of HFpEF** (see <https://www.reconnect.eu/>).*

5. Knowledge exchange and impact

Scoring: field 5, 6 and 7 combined are 15%, domain 4

Describe the relevance of the results and/or new insights generated by the proposed research to problems in the cardiac or renal field, include how your project will help to solve them. Will there be impact on clinical care (in the long term)? Will your project contribute to other current economic, societal, cultural, policy-related or technological problems?

6. Towards the future

Scoring: field 5, 6 and 7 combined are 15%, domain 4

Towards the future: How does your project contribute to the long-term ambitions of RECONNECT (see <https://www.reconnect.eu/>)?

7. Expected output

Scoring: field 5, 6 and 7 combined are 15%, domain 4

Explain how the proposal strengthens your CV. Specify expected output in terms of deliverables, papers, and grant proposals to be submitted on the basis of the proposed work.



Project budget

Starting date:

Project period (months):

Requested in application	
Own contribution	
TOTAL	

Costs

Personnel	
Materials #1	
Materials #2	
Travel	
TOTAL	

For personnel costs, use the table below for salary tariffs according to the Dutch Heart Foundation:

Salary tariffs of RECONNEXT per year, full time:

Level	Tariff DHF
PhD-student	€ 49.106,00
Postdoc	€ 76.818,00
Facilitating personnel (MBO)	€ 57.217,00
Facilitating personnel (HBO)	€ 68.749,00
Academic non-scientific	€ 82.267,00
Medical PhD student	€ 68.749,00



Form 3: CV supervising PI

Curriculum Vitae

In case your supervising principal investigator is not part of the RECONNEXT consortium, please provide the following information of the principal investigator that supervises the project in your institute. The CV of the supporting RECONNEXT PI is not necessary. Follow this complete format for your supervising PI on maximum 2 A4 per CV. Use font Calibri 11 points, don't change the margins, you can delete the instructions (italic text).

Scoring: 10%, domain 5

Name supervising Principal Investigator	<i>Your supervisor may be the same person as the RECONNEXT Principal Investigator that will mentor your project</i>
Contact details of the institution of the PI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address • Phone • E-mail 	
1. Positions and honours	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Positions and Employment</i> b. <i>Other Experience and Professional Memberships</i> c. <i>Honours and awards</i> 	
2. Publications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Number of publications: a) total, b) as first author and c) as second last and last author</i> b. <i>Best selected peer-reviewed scientific publications, relevant for this proposal</i> c. <i>Best selected <u>non-scientific</u> publications, e.g., policy documents, guidelines or newspaper articles etc.</i> 	
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