

## LSBR Fellowship 2019

### 1. Introduction

In addition to proposals for project grants, it is also possible to submit proposals for an LSBR fellowship. There are two programs that alternate each year. One for junior researchers (odd years) and one for senior researchers (even years). These fellowships, over a period of five years, are intended for creative and enthusiastic researchers trying to establish a new research line (junior program) or extend the line of their research (senior program). *For criteria see item 3.*

Each year the LSBR will conditionally grant a single fellowship, carrying a maximum amount of 420,000 euro for the first three years. The fourth and fifth year of the research plan will be granted after a positive assessment of the interim report provided after three years of research. The fourth and fifth year of research will be covered by a grant that must be matched by the research institute of the awardee, such that LSBR does not grant more than 50% of the total costs for the fourth and fifth year of the project. *For matching see item 6.*

### 2. Objective

The objective of the LSBR fellowship is to provide a structural basis for scientific research in the field of blood and blood transfusion. It provides researchers with the opportunity to carry out a long-term research programme that focuses specifically on the LSBR's objectives.

### 3. Fellow candidates

The LSBR junior fellowship (odd years) is intended for talented researchers whose names are put forward by the heads of department in institutes that conduct research in the field of blood and blood transfusion.

The LSBR senior fellowship (even years) is intended for established researchers who intend to expand the line of their research in the field of blood and blood transfusion.

Both university institutes and non-university institutes are eligible.

#### Junior candidates

In addition to proven excellent research qualities (creativity, coupled to purposefulness and efficiency), the candidates must also be highly committed to blood transfusion research and the international research community. They must be able to independently formulate and implement a research programme. They will also be expected to be successful in obtaining research support from government agencies and/or contract funding.

Junior candidates can apply for a fellowship grant from directly after their PhD until maximally four years after their PhD. A tenured position at the research institute is not required.

#### Senior candidates

In addition to proven excellent research qualities (creativity, coupled to purposefulness and efficiency), the candidates must also be leaders who can integrate with (and provide spin-off to) blood transfusion research and the international research community. They must be able to independently formulate and implement a research programme. They are also successful in obtaining research support from government agencies and/or contract

funding. This means that candidates must already have post-doc research experience and a tenured position at the research institute.

Candidates can apply for a fellowship grant from eight years after their PhD until maximally fourteen years after their PhD.

Criteria for extending the period (both for junior and senior candidates) are: clinical training, maternity, caring responsibilities or illness. For each of these criteria, and other circumstances that are deemed appropriate according to the sole judgment of LSBR, please contact the office of the LSBR in order to obtain the exact extension.

#### 4. Assessment

The candidates and the research proposals will be assessed on the basis of two criteria: the quality of the research proposal and the quality of the researcher

##### a) *Quality of the research proposal*

The research proposal must meet the same quality requirements as a research proposal for a project grant. In addition to the formulation of the problem and the feasibility of the proposal, the scientific quality of the research proposal is an important factor.

##### b) *Quality of the researcher*

This will be assessed on the basis of the curriculum vitae, including a list of publications in international scientific journals and the ability to acquire funding from other sources, and a presentation by the researcher for the members of the Scientific Advisory Council (SAC).

#### 5. Selection

The quality of the candidates *and* that of their research proposal are assessed by external reviewers and the SAC. A presentation to and discussion with the SAC are part of the selection procedure. The SAC advises the board concerning the quality of the candidate and of the research proposal.

#### 6. The awarding and matching of the grant

In the third year of the grant an evaluation of the research takes place. This means that the grant for the final two years will only be awarded if there is a positive assessment of the research results obtained during the preceding period.

Based on the progress report over the first 3 years, the SAC will assess the interim report and advises the Board on continuation of the grant. The Board of the LSBR will decide on granting the fourth and fifth year of research. The grant for the fourth and fifth year needs to be matched by the research institute such that LSBR does not grant more than 50% of the total costs for the fourth and fifth year of the project (LSBR 140,000 Euro and Research Institute at least 140,000 Euro, in cash or in kind).

#### 7. Procedure

##### *Pre-application.*

Suitable candidates can register by e-mail at the LSBR office.

Fellowship proposals have to be submitted by using the regular pre-application form.

In addition, the fellowship candidate adds a *short curriculum vitae* (4 pages) and, when applicable, a short note (1 page) on the existing collaboration with the division Sanquin Research or another Sanquin division (*see under item 3*). The fellowship candidate will also provide a letter of intent from the research institute that in case the full application is selected for a grant by the LSBR the research institute will match the grant for at least 50% in the fourth and fifth year of research.

The deadline for pre-applications is **February 1, 2019** (23:59 h).

The SAC will select no more than three candidates from all those who have submitted research proposals.

A full application can only be submitted after having obtained an approved pre-application. Fellowship candidates can re-apply for a fellowship grant only once.

**Full application.**

The fellowship candidate will receive an application form, a nominator's form, a candidate form, the information for the applicant and a document called *LSBR Matchingsverklaring (Letter of commitment)*.

The detailed research proposal, together with a copy of the candidate's curriculum vitae, will be submitted to the SAC and the external reviewers. The nominator and candidate forms as well as the letter from the research institute (*Matchingsverklaring*) will be kept in the LSBR office.

In order to be able to evaluate your application for an LSBR fellowship as thoroughly as possible, the LSBR's Scientific Advisory Council needs to be fully informed. Please address all items mentioned below. You can incorporate this information in your answers to the questions on the LSBR's standard application form for fellowship project subsidies or in your curriculum vitae (C.V.).

The full application form, curriculum vitae, nominator's and candidate forms must be sent to the address mentioned in the form on or before **May 1, 2019 (23:59 h)**. The letter of commitment from the research institute must be sent to the address mentioned in the document *Matchingsverklaring (Letter of commitment)*.

*Key information for the Scientific Advisory Council: (see also instructions in the information for the applicant).*

- Personal details and curriculum vitae of the scientist applying for the fellowship (separate document).
- How long have you been working on the research that the subsidy is being applied for?
- What is the research plan for the five years during which the subsidy is requested?
- What are the innovative elements of the research?
- How do you envision the composition of your team in the upcoming five years?
- What is the necessary scope of resources for the execution of the research?
- Include an approximate budget and specify the matching by the research institute.
- Is the research dependent on other internal or external disciplines?

All information provided must be in English.

The candidates will be invited to give a presentation of their proposal.

The Board can award a single fellowship in 2019.

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