

Double Dose mini consortium grant

Purpose:

To strengthen and broaden the scope of their research, the DOUBLE-DOSE consortium has decided to make part of their talent budget available for a mini-consortium grant. This funding mechanism is designed to foster team science and provides unaffiliated scientists with the opportunity to join DOUBLE-DOSE. The project should be innovative and preferably designed to develop new techniques / provide pilot data to apply for future funding.

In short:

- Mini-consortium grant for early/mid-career scientists
- Budget: € 75.000 per project
- Deadline: March 1st 2023
- Start: Ultimately January 1st 2024

Overview of the grant mechanism:

External talents and junior PI's from DOUBLE-DOSE will create a mini consortium that consists of 3 early/mid-career scientists from different institutions. Together they will draft a proposal that tests the DOUBLE-DOSE hypothesis, but extends beyond the scope of the current work packages. The best proposals will be selected to pitch their idea during the translational cardiovascular research meeting (DCVA), where the winning applications will be selected by a combined jury / audience vote.

Criteria:

- The DOUBLE-DOSE call is open for applications from consortia composed of a maximum of 3 early/mid-career scientist (between PhD and full Professor) from different institutions.
- The consortium should be composed of at least 1 junior PI from the DOUBLE-DOSE consortium and at least 1 investigator that is not affiliated with DOUBLE-DOSE. All investigators should have a permanent position at a knowledge institution.
- Each Double-Dose junior PI can only be part of one application.
- The proposal should test the overarching DOUBLE-DOSE hypothesis but should extend beyond the scope of current work packages (not part of already funded work).
- The focus should be on broadening the scope of the DOUBLE-DOSE consortium by adding new idea's, knowledge and techniques and should be completed before January 1st 2027.
- The proposal should have the potential to generate future funding, i.e. have a multiplier effect. For example by generating pilot data, or by initiating or strengthening collaborations.
- Please check the website or contact d.lodder@amsterdamumc.nl for a complete list of DOUBLE-DOSE junior PI's.

How to apply:

The applicants should write a proposal (maximally 3 pages, excluding references and figures) providing a clear description of:

- 1) Hypothesis and aims
- 2) Workplan
- 3) Added value for the DOUBLE-DOSE consortium
- 4) Strength of the consortium
- 5) Budget and multiplier effect

In addition, consortia should submit a CV of all participants, proof of a permanent appointment at a knowledge institution and a letter of commitment from the host institute in case the costs are expected to exceed the available budget.

Evaluation:

The proposals will be evaluated by the DOUBLE-DOSE international advisory board and each proposal will be ranked on the following domains:

- Scientific priority of the proposal (40%)
- Appropriateness for the DOUBLE-DOSE hypothesis (20%)
- Strength of the consortium (20%)
- Multiplier effect (20%).

The best proposals (max 5) will be selected to pitch their idea during the translational research meeting (DCVA), where the winning consortia will be selected by a jury of senior DOUBLE-DOSE PI's (60%) and the audience (40%).

Budget and start date:

Grants will be funded from the talent budget of DOUBLE-DOSE, which is a DCVA consortium funded by the Dutch heart foundation. A maximum of 75.000 Euro can be requested, 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 31-12-2026. In case the costs for salary and materials are expected to exceed the amounts awarded in these grants, the host institutions must commit scientifically and financially to the proposal. In case the project is granted, this commitment will be a condition before the project can start.

Process and deadline

Deadline for proposals: March 1st 2023, 23.59h.

Expected date for communicating the first results: May 1st 2023

Final decision: during the 6th translational cardiovascular meeting (June 2023)

Proposals can be sent to Daphne Lodder: d.lodder@amsterdamumc.nl. For questions about this call and the proposal template, please contact Daphne Lodder via email or tel: 020-4448111