



## **KiKa funding options and application procedures**

Financial support can be requested by researchers working at a scientific institution in the Netherlands. Support can be requested for fundamental, clinical, epidemiological or psychological research. **Research for which financial support is requested should have a clear link with childhood cancer.**

### **Funding types**

KiKa has following types of funding:

#### **Research projects:**

- The most common form of research, that evolves around 1 or multiple research questions.
- In principle, a project can have a maximum of 2 project leaders. Proper justification should be provided in case more than 2 project leaders are assigned.
- It is allowed to collaborate with international research groups for a research project, if there is a clear added value of this collaboration. A maximum of 49% of the total requested budget can be assigned to the part of the research that is performed abroad.
- Max. 4 years.
- The budget that can be requested is not limited. However, the requested amount should naturally correspond with the proposed work and requisites.
- Indication for size of research project is a maximum of 1 FTE scientific personnel and 1 FTE non-scientific personnel per year. It is possible to request more personnel. In that case, this should be well substantiated in the application.

#### **Pilot projects:**

- Pilot projects have the specific aim to explore the feasibility of an **extraordinary, innovative** research proposal. The aim of a pilot project is to determine if a research proposal offers viable opportunities. If successful, a pilot project will form the basis for a research project.
- In principle, a pilot project can have a maximum of 2 project leaders. Proper justification should be provided in case more than 2 project leaders are assigned.
- Max. 1,5 years.
- The budget that can be requested is not limited. However, the requested amount should naturally correspond with the proposed work and requisites.
- Indication for size of research project is a maximum of 1 FTE personnel per year. It is possible to request more personnel. In that case, this should be well substantiated in the application.

## Programs:

- The funding type “program” is specifically designed for elaborate research proposals, consisting of multiple complementary work packages.
- Programs for instance enable tackling of multiple (multidisciplinary) research questions within an overarching research project and enable projects which require large or complex collaborations.
- The added value of a program over multiple research projects should be argued convincingly.
- A clear plan for valorisation and translation of the results, generated within a program, should be composed.
- It is allowed to collaborate with international research groups for a research program, if there is a clear added value of this collaboration. A maximum of 49% of the total requested budget can be assigned to the part of the research that is performed abroad.
- Max. 6 years, max €3 million.

Data generated within any type of funding should be made publicly available, unless they require specific protection. If confidential data are generated, the strategy to protect these data should be described.

## **Submitting an application for funding**

In case of a resubmission or adapted form of a previously submitted proposal: please make clear in which way the proposal is adapted (via an accompanying letter and, if applicable, visually highlighting the parts of the text that have been adapted).

For further details, please refer to our [guidelines for research applications](#).

## Research projects and pilot projects:

KiKa aims to for a careful yet fast and efficient reviewing process. We aim to complete the reviewing process within four months.

When a project application is submitted at the latest on one of the following dates (23:59), the project will be discussed at the next scientific board meeting.

**-1 February 2025**

**-15 June 2025**

**-12 October 2025**

## Programs

Programs proposals are reviewed once a year. Program pre-applications should be submitted before **1 April 2025**.

Applicants will be invited to present their program pre-application live on Friday afternoon, **13 June 2025** (exact details will follow after submission).

Invitations for full program applications will be sent in the beginning of July. Full applications should be submitted before **12 October 2025**. This procedure can be adapted or accelerated in case KiKa considers this necessary.

## **Questions??**

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