

Newsletter for Researchers – 30 October 2024

Dear researcher,

In this newsletter for researchers, we are happy to share with you 4 newly approved research applications. We also look back at the Tom Voûte Young Investigator Awards, which took place at the beginning of October.

New project applications approved for funding

This month, KiKa has approved 4 applications for funding:

- Preclinical development of CAR T cells with antigen-inducible IL-18 enforcement to treat B7H3-positive pediatric solid cancers.
Project leaders: Prof. Dr. Claudia Rossig and Dr. Adeel Saleem.
A short summary in the KiKa research database can be found [here](#).
- Molecular footprints of Wilms tumor predisposition: towards implementation of a classifier to recognize hereditary cases.
Project leaders: Prof. Dr. Roland Kuiper, Dr. Lennart Kester, Dr. Marjolijn Jongmans, and Prof. Dr. Marry van den Heuvel-Eibrink.
A short summary in the KiKa research database can be found [here](#).
- Monitoring therapy-induced epigenetic rewiring in BAF-complex mutated rhabdoid tumors.
Project leaders: Dr. Elzo de Wit and Dr. Jarno Drost.
A short summary in the KiKa research database can be found [here](#).
- Subsequent malignant neoplasms (SMNs) among 56,000 childhood cancer survivors with individual patient data (IPD): the international IPD-SMN study.
Project leaders: Dr. Jop Teepen, Dr. Heleen van der Pal, and Prof. Dr. Leontien Kremer.
A short summary in the KiKa research database can be found [here](#).

Information about previously funded projects by KiKa can be found in the [research database](#).

Inés and Paul win the Tom Voûte Young Investigator Awards 2024!

At the beginning of this month, 9 PhD candidates in paediatric oncology presented their inspiring research to fellow researchers. In between the presentations, the attendees went for a short city walk across Utrecht and Dr. Ingrid Zeelenberg shared her insights on career choices within and outside of academia. In the afternoon, an expert jury consisting of Prof. Dr. Bram de Wilde (Ghent University Hospital), Dr. Julia Chisholm (The Institute of Cancer Research), and Dr. Martijn Stuiver (Netherlands Cancer Institute (NKI)) selected Inés Paniagua Cabana and Paul Kemps as the two winners! They both received a cheque of €2.500,- to spend on personal development.

“It was a great day of awesome research, from psychosocial studies to basic science with the latest single-cell techniques. The format of short 10-minute pitches kept things engaging, and the venue was amazing”

Paul Kemps (Princess Máxima Center/Leiden University Medical Center)

“It is a very nice concept that encourages young researchers to continue what they are doing, and it is also very fun and interesting”

Inés Paniagua Cabana (NKI)

An interview with Inés in which she reflects on the Tom Voûte Young Investigator Awards 2024 can be found [here](#). We hope to welcome you again next year for the 14th edition!



Together in short pants for KiKa

Rain or shine, children and adults will wear short pants from 16-20th of December to raise money and awareness for all children with cancer. [Join in](#) as a family, with colleagues, friends, or alone, and let your bare legs make the difference!



Tips for the submission of applications

Thinking about submitting an application to KiKa?

- Find our funding options, guidelines, and financial terms [here](#).
- Be aware that the budget tool is updated regularly. Always check the website for the latest version before submission.
- **Quotations need to be submitted for all activities that will not be performed by the research teams of the applicants.** This concerns activities performed by external parties, but also internal parties within the center(s) to which the applicant(s) is/are affiliated (such as the core facilities). You can find the requirements for the inclusion of quotations in the footnotes of the budget tool.

New Logo!

KiKa has a new logo. We encourage you to use this logo in any presentation in which KiKa funded research is mentioned. You can find the new logo [here](#) or download it via the website.



Upcoming deadlines

Program/pilot/research project applications

- Submitting an application to KiKa 1 February 2025 - 23:59

Recently published research funded by KiKa

- [Update on Recommendations for Surveillance for Children with Predisposition to Hematopoietic Malignancy](#) by Luke Maese (first author), Christopher Porter (last author), and others.
- [A multidimensional analysis reveals distinct immune phenotypes and the composition of immune aggregates in pediatric acute myeloid leukemia](#) by Joost Koedijk (first author), Olaf Heidenreich (last author), and others.
- [Semen analysis and reproductive hormones in boys with classical Hodgkin lymphoma treated according to the EuroNet-PHL-C2 protocol](#) by Katja Drechsel (first author), Margreet Veening (last author), and others.
- [Risk and Protective Factors of Psychosocial Functioning in Survivors of Childhood Cancer: Results of the DCCSS-LATER Study](#) by Anne Maas (first author), Martha Grootenhuys (last author), and others.
- [Selective inhibition of HDAC class IIA as therapeutic intervention for KMT2A-rearranged acute lymphoblastic leukemia](#) by Tamara Verbeek (first author), Ronald Stam (last author), and others.

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