

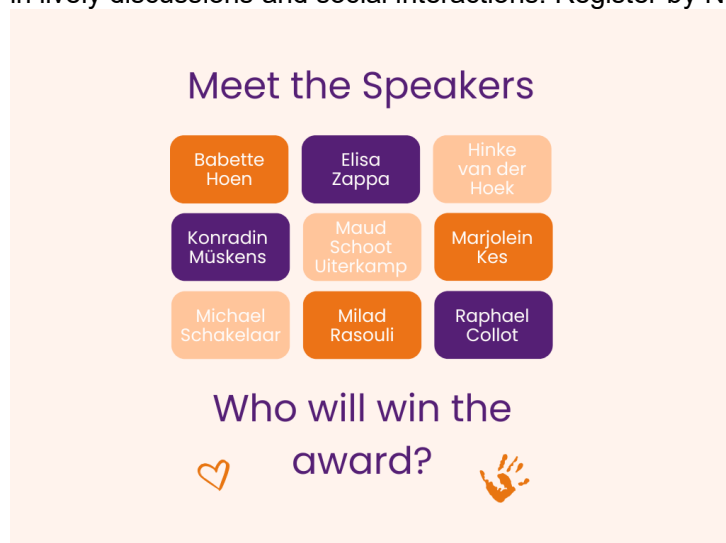
Newsletter for Researchers – 6 November 2025

Dear researcher,

In this newsletter for researchers, we invite you to attend the Tom Voûte Young Investigator Awards and share five recently approved research projects. Continue reading for the latest updates!

Register to attend the Tom Voûte Young Investigator Awards 2025

Nine very talented PhD students have been selected by an expert jury to present their research in pediatric oncology to fellow researchers on Monday November 24 (13:00-18:00, walk-in between 12:30-13:00, Boothstraat 7 in Utrecht). This offers a wealth of inspiration for PhD students and researchers at other career stages. Get inspired by the presentations and take part in lively discussions and social interactions! Register by November 10 to attend this free event.



The graphic features a light orange background with the title "Meet the Speakers" in purple. Below the title is a 3x3 grid of colored squares, each containing a speaker's name. The colors of the squares are orange, purple, and light orange, alternating in a pattern. Below the grid, the text "Who will win the award?" is displayed in purple, flanked by a heart icon on the left and a hand icon on the right.

Meet the Speakers		
Babette Hoen	Elisa Zappa	Hinke van der Hoek
Konradin Müskens	Maud Schoot Uiterkamp	Marjolein Kes
Michael Schakelaar	Milad Rasouli	Raphael Collot

Who will win the award?

[Register here](#)
[More information](#)

Checklist for submitting your research application

To help you prepare your application, a checklist is now available. This checklist is intended as a helpful tool to support you in preparing your KiKa research application. It is for your own use and does not need to be submitted with your application.

[Checklist](#)

Heads up: check out the new budget tool!

A new budget tool is available on the KiKa website. To align with other health funds in the Netherlands and to ensure consistency in how overhead costs are treated across projects grants, KiKa decided to no longer offer compensation for overhead for all applying institutions.

Please use the new budget tool for future applications. In case of questions, please check the checklist for submitting your research application or contact the KiKa research team.

[New budget tool](#)

New project applications approved for funding

Since the previous newsletter, KiKa has approved five applications for funding:

- Therapeutic overactivation of the MAPK signaling pathway to improve outcomes in Ewing Sarcoma.
Project leaders: Matheus Henrique Dias and Hans Merks (Princess Máxima Center for pediatric oncology).
- Ready, set, GD2! A platform for implementation of GD2 targeting therapies across pediatric tumors.
Project leaders: Judith Wienke and Claudia Rossig (Princess Máxima Center for pediatric oncology).
- Novel immunotherapeutic strategies for pediatric mature B-cell Non-Hodgkin lymphomas to reduce treatment-related toxicity.
Project leaders: Annemiek van Spriel (Radboudumc) and Friederike Meyer-Wentrup (Princess Máxima Center for pediatric oncology).
- Identification of chemo-resistant subclones in atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumors by high-resolution lineage tracing.
Project leaders: Jarno Drost and Esther Hulleman (Princess Máxima Center for pediatric oncology).
- Early mutants, lasting impact: how cytotoxic therapy alters clonal dynamics and long-term cancer risk in paediatric epithelia.
Project leader: Sanne van Neerven (Princess Máxima Center for pediatric oncology).

More information

Together in short pants – KiKa Korte Broek

Rain or shine, children and adults will wear short pants from 15-19 December to raise money and awareness for all children with cancer. In the photo below, you can see Lize, who is currently being treated for leukemia. Will you join her in December? Get involved with colleagues, as a family, friends, or alone, and let your bare legs make the difference!



Sign up

‘Beste Zangers’ TV show raises € 4.4 million for KiKa

Fantastic news! The special episode of ‘Beste Zangers’ raised an incredible amount for childhood cancer research. During the show, artists performed heartfelt duets dedicated to everyone who is or has been affected by childhood cancer. Four families also shared their personal stories. Missed it? You can watch the rerun on Sunday, November 16, at 17:00 on NPO 1.



Calendar

<u>Register to attend the Tom Voûte Young Investigator Awards 2025</u>	Deadline: 9 November 2025 (23:59)
<u>Rerun of ‘Beste Zangers’</u>	16 November 2025, 17:00 (NPO 1)
<u>Tom Voûte Young Investigator Awards 2025</u>	24 November 2025 (13:00-18:00, walk-in between 12:30-13:00)
<u>KiKa Korte Broek</u>	15 t/m 19 december 2025
<u>Submitting an application to KiKa</u>	Deadline: 1 February 2025 (23:59)