

Newsletter for Researchers - 15 February 2024

Dear researcher,

Today, on International Childhood Cancer Day, we bring you the first edition of KiKa's Newsletter for Researchers!

With this newsletter KiKa will keep you informed about our latest research news, important deadlines, updates about funding opportunities and application procedures, and more. We intend to send this newsletter approximately three times a year.

Read below about:

- New project applications approved for funding
- New chair and vice-chair WR KiKa
- KiKa joined the FIGHT KIDS CANCER consortium
- Public Private Partnerships
- Workshop for project controllers
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New project applications approved for funding

[KiKa invests EUR 4.2mIn in new research](#)

The seven following project applications that were submitted before the deadline of 1 October 2023 have been approved for funding:

- Unravelling the differentiation trajectories underlying synovial sarcomagenesis - Princess Máxima Center for pediatric oncology
- Protecting our future: investigating parental occupational exposures and the risk of childhood cancer in the offspring -Utrecht University
- $\gamma\delta$ TIL therapy for neuroblastoma -Princess Máxima Center for pediatric oncology
- Unblocking the osteosarcoma immunosuppressive microenvironment with novel human-specific microproteins -Princess Máxima Center for pediatric oncology
- Towards Identifying chiLdrEN with cancer with genetic susceptibility for Cisplatin-induced hEaring loss, baseD on an international genome-wide association analysis - the SILENCED study -Erasmus MC
- Understanding HMX3 pathobiology in pediatric MLL::AF9 acute myeloid leukemia - Radboudumc
- Hyperactivation of ALT as a potential therapeutic strategy in pediatric cancers -NKI-AVL

Want to know about more research projects that are funded by KiKa? The research database can be found [here](#).

New chair and vice-chair WR KiKa

Prof. Dr. Mr. Marike Broekman has been appointed the new chair of the KiKa Scientific Board (WR KiKa) effective February 1, 2024. She succeeds Prof. Dr. Anne May who is leaving the WR KiKa after ten years, of which the last three and a half years as chair. In addition, Prof. Dr. Roderick Beijersbergen takes over the role of vice-chair from Broekman. Read more [here](#).



KiKa has joined FIGHT KIDS CANCER

Since 2023 KiKa is part of FIGHT KIDS CANCER (FKC). This international collaboration of cancer foundations from Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Spain and The Netherlands aims to promote trans-European cooperation in research in the field of childhood cancer. To this end, it funds research in the field of childhood cancer by European research consortia. Click [here](#) for more information about FKC.

Early 2023, KiKa funded 2 research projects that were submitted to FKC in 2022, and contributed an amount of EUR 1mln to the 2023 FKC call.

Public Private Partnerships (PPP) (pilot call 2024)

KiKa receives a PPP-allowance from Health Holland. Researchers in paediatric oncology can submit a PPP application to KiKa. For more information, click [here](#) (information about PPP near the bottom of the page). It is possible to submit a preapplication (summary on one A4). KiKa will give feedback on whether the proposal fits within its research scope and within the conditions set by Health Holland. Submission deadlines can be found below.

Workshop for project controllers

KiKa organises workshops (duration ~2h, live meeting) for project controllers to clarify its financial conditions and procedures, answer any questions and gather relevant input. Interested? Email research@kika.nl

Tips for submission of applications

- Think about submitting an application to KiKa? Find our "Funding options and application procedures" and "Financial terms & conditions" [here](#).
- Be aware that the budget tool is updated regularly. Always check the website for the latest version before submission.
- An application including funding for collaboration with international research groups is possible, provided that a clear added value of this collaboration is demonstrated in the proposal. A maximum of 49% of the total requested budget can be requested for the part of the research that is carried out outside The Netherlands.

Upcoming deadlines

Program/pilot/research project applications

- Program pre-application 1 April 2024
- Pilot and research project applications 1 June 2024

Public Private Partnerships

- Submitting pre-application to KiKa (optional) 1 May 2024
- Submitting application to KiKa 1 August 2024
- Deadline Health Holland 1 October 2024