



Tom Voûte Young Investigator Awards

REGULATIONS

Stichting Kinderen Kankervrij will give out two awards of €2500 each for PhD students/young researchers in paediatric oncology. The prize can be used for research or personal development of the researcher (such as education or conference visits).

I. General

1. The research should have a clear link with paediatric oncology. The research can have a fundamental, (pre-)clinical, epidemiological or psychological nature.
2. The research should be original.
3. The research should be at a stage where sound conclusions can be drawn. As a rule of thumb, applicants should at least be in the third year of their PhD research. Applying earlier is possible; the letter of recommendation should in this case explain why the candidate is eligible. Researchers that defend(ed) their thesis in 2026 can still compete. Those that defended their thesis before 2026 can no longer apply. If the research in the application is already published, the first paper published on this research cannot have been accepted more than three years before the application deadline of the Tom Voûte Young Investigator Awards. The jury can ask for verification of this fact.
4. The research doesn't need to be published at the moment of application. Ongoing research will certainly make a chance to be awarded.
5. It is allowed for young researchers to apply for a second time with the same research subject:
 - If the research shows sufficient progress
 - If the research did not receive a Tom Voûte Award, yet.
6. Each researcher is allowed to send 1 application each year.
7. The applicant should have performed the major part of the research.
8. The applicant should have performed the research in the Netherlands or have the Dutch nationality.
9. The applicant should be younger than 40 at time of the application deadline.
10. The jury will select approximately 9 candidates to present their research for fellow researchers. The applicant should be willing and available to present the research on October 12th, 2026. Selected candidates will also receive a masterclass presenting as preparation for the competition, by professional speech coaches.

II. Contents and format

1. The application should be written in English.
2. The application should be sent via email to research@kika.nl, subject: Tom Voûte Awards.
3. The application should consist of 3 documents:

I. Description of the research

- Title of the research.
- Summary (approx. 150 words) of the research.



- Introduction: research question and optionally the bigger research program to which this research contributes.
- Methods.
- Results: discuss the results, also in relation to already published literature.
- Conclusion(s): the implications of the conclusion(s) in respect to the research question, the research field and paediatric oncology in general.
- References.

All of the above-mentioned parts should be written on a **maximum of 3 A4** pages (font: Calibri, minimal text size: 12 points, references and legends (if used) min. 8 points). It is allowed to add figures, but these should fit within the maximum format of 3 pages.

II. Accompanying letter

In an accompanying letter, the following should be mentioned:

- Name and date of birth of the applicant.
- Location(s) where the research took place.
- Detailed description of which parts of the described research were performed by the applicant, and which parts were performed by others.
- Publication list of the applicant.

III. Letter of recommendation

Applications should be accompanied by a letter of recommendation by the supervising PI, co-promotor, or promotor of the applicant.

4. If the application does not comply with the above-mentioned format, it will not be taken into consideration.

III. **Assessment**

The applications will be assessed by a jury consisting of scientists with a broad experience in oncology research. The jury is allowed to inform itself about the research in the application. Originality, the applicant's own contribution, and relevance for paediatric oncology will be important factors for the assessment of the applications. Applicants will be informed approximately 1 month in advance if they are selected to present their research in English. On the day the selected candidates will present their research, the chair of the jury will elaborate on the reasoning for the final decision.

The winners agree that granting of the award, the reasoning behind this, the contents of the research, and the name and picture of the winner can be published by KiKa and others. If requested, the winners should cooperate with this publicity.

For questions regarding the Tom Voûte Young Investigator Awards, please contact research@kika.nl.