



Writing a competitive VIDI proposal for the Dutch NWO Talent Scheme

Obtaining a VENI-, VIDI- or VICI grant from NWO is an important milestone in the research career of (young) scientists in the Netherlands. The Talent Scheme is highly competitive with average success rates of 9% - 20%, depending on year and science division.

In the European context of for example ERC grants, but also Marie Curie grants, reviewers perceive obtaining a national individual grant as an important sign of excellence and independence.

In our workshop we distinguish between the quality of the scientific project and the quality of the written proposal text. Both have to be excellent to be successful.

We will address the typical characteristics of a VIDI application considering the different NWO domains. In addition, focus will be on evaluation criteria and evaluation questions to be addressed by the external referees, including their inter-relationship and the proposal format.

1. Outcome

Participants will receive strategic and practical input for developing a competitive VIDI project and writing a convincing proposal thereby increasing their chances to receive this prestigious grant.

2. Who should attend

This workshop is directed towards talented researchers who consider submitting a NWO VIDI proposal in the near future.

3. Methodology

The workshop will be in English, with no translation. Active participation and commitment from the course participants is a key factor for the success of this training. Numerous examples, tips and tricks and best practices will be presented. If time allows, some small exercises / assignments will be implemented.

4. Trainers

Aya van den Kroonenberg, PhD from Yellow Research and Ir. Erik Prins from OrionImpact have extensive experience with running Talent Scheme workshops and pre-submission reviews of VIDI proposals. Both trainers have more than 15 years of experience with reviewing and writing Dutch and European research proposals.

5. Programme Outline

10:00	Opening
Part I	Introduction Talent Scheme Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Particular focus on VIDI• Comparison with other (international) research grants
Part II	Evaluation process <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competition• Evaluation steps• Who is your audience?• Lessons learned from an evaluator
Part III	Principal investigator <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluation criteria and questions for the external referees• How to demonstrate your excellence in a VIDI proposal? Section 4+5
	Lunch for attendees and opportunity to ask questions
Part IV	Research project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Before your start writing, concept development• Evaluation criteria and questions for the external referees related to the quality of the research project.• Proposal format Section 2a
Part V	Evaluation criterion knowledge utilization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluation criteria and questions for the external referees.• Stakeholder analysis, proposal format Section 2b
Part VI	Registration form and budget
17:00	End of course

6. Course fee

The YR course fee is €575 per participant (VAT exempted), incl. coffee & tea, lunch and course materials.

7. Date, Location, Contact

Dates	Wednesday 23 May 2018
Time	10.00 – 17.00 hrs
Location	Yellow Research Veembroederhof 5-7 1019 HD Amsterdam
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