



VI 2012

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Innovational Research Incentives Scheme

To provide the scope for adventurous, talented and pioneering researchers to conduct creative research of their own choice and to encourage them to make a permanent career in academic research.

- All fields of science
- Quality of applicant, Quality of the proposal and Knowledge Utilisation (Impact outside your own field)
- 150 Million euro annually



Talent schemes NWO



Spinoza	4 prizes per year	€ 2,5 M
Vici	8-15y post PhD, 30 grants	€ 1,5 M, (5y)
Vidi	3-8y post PhD, 80 grants	€ 800 K, (5y)
Veni	0-3y post PhD, 150 grants	€ 250 K, (3y)
Rubicon	max. 1y post PhD	€ variable, (max 2y)



I want to apply

- Formal rules:
 - 3, 8 and 15 years after your PhD (check extension rules)
 - One application per round
 - Veni and Vidi – two chances
 - Vici – three chances
- In case of doubt; please contact us



The application

- Quality of the researcher (CV)
 - Fitting to each level
- Proposal
 - Challenging
 - Originality
 - Effective (methodology)
 - Contribution to science
- Section on knowledge utilisation (valorisation)
- Stick to the format (please)



Knowledge utilisation

- relevance of the results and/or insights from the research for and the contribution to solving economic, societal, cultural, policy-related or technical challenges;
- effectiveness and feasibility of the proposed approach for knowledge utilisation with respect to meeting the need(s) of third parties within and outside of the academic sector;
- the period in which possible knowledge utilisation is expected to occur;
- how the researcher might intend to contribute to the realisation of the possible knowledge utilisation.
- **What about 'blue sky science'?**



Procedure

- You have completed your application
- Upload the PDF using Iris (NWO) or ProjectNet (ZonMW) – helpdesk is not open at night! (get login codes before)
- Within about two weeks you hear from us
- Keep the data for interview free



Selection

- Pre-proposal (Vici only)
- Pre-selection (possibility)
- Referees and rebuttal
 - Always react!
- Interview (not everyone)
- Final decision Board of NWO



Changes in 2012 - selection

- No more domain panels for Veni and Vidi
 - (the selection procedure will take place within one single division, a separate division for multidisciplinary research remains)
- Vici selection will be done in one single domain that includes all disciplines (about 30 positions for 2012)



Changes in 2012 – Knowledge utilisation

- The section 'knowledge utilisation' always needs to be filled out
- Is always assessed
- Will constitute 20% of the total assessment



What are my chances?

- Veni:
 - Close to 1000 applications
 - About 150 grants (15%)
- Vidi:
 - About 550 applications
 - About 90 positions (16%)
- Vici:
 - About 200 applications
 - About 30 positions (15%)

- Variation between years and science fields



I don't agree

- Letter of appeal after the final decision

Thank you & Questions



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