



Vernieuwingsimpuls

Innovational Research Incentives Scheme



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)

VI: Who can apply ?

Formal rules:

- Limited at 3 (Veni), 8 (Vidi) or 15 (Vici) years after your PhD
- One application per round
- Veni and Vidi – max two applications
- Vici – max three pre-proposals
- Any place of origin, must come to an approved Dutch institution
- Funding for your own salary, other staff (Vidi, Vici), and equipment



When can I apply?

We want to be predictable:

- Vidi First week of October (1 October 2015)
- Veni First week of January
- Vici Pre-proposal end of March
- Vici Full proposal end of August

Deadlines: Tuesday or Thursday



Criteria

- I. Quality of the researcher, 40% (CV)
- II. Quality of Proposal, 40%
- III. Knowledge utilisation, 20%



- All applications are rated on the same criteria
- Same criteria for every step in the procedure
- Successful applications score high on all three criteria.

Quality researcher

We take into account:

➤ **Effective Research Time**

(=minus: teaching, management, care/sick leave, other such as unemployment)

NB ERT ≠ extension

➤ **Field characteristics**

Describe output indicators in the application such as:

- first / last author publications;
- individual / group publications;
- international / national orientation;
- information on type of output: books / journal publications / conference proceedings / other, such as designs.



Knowledge Utilisation



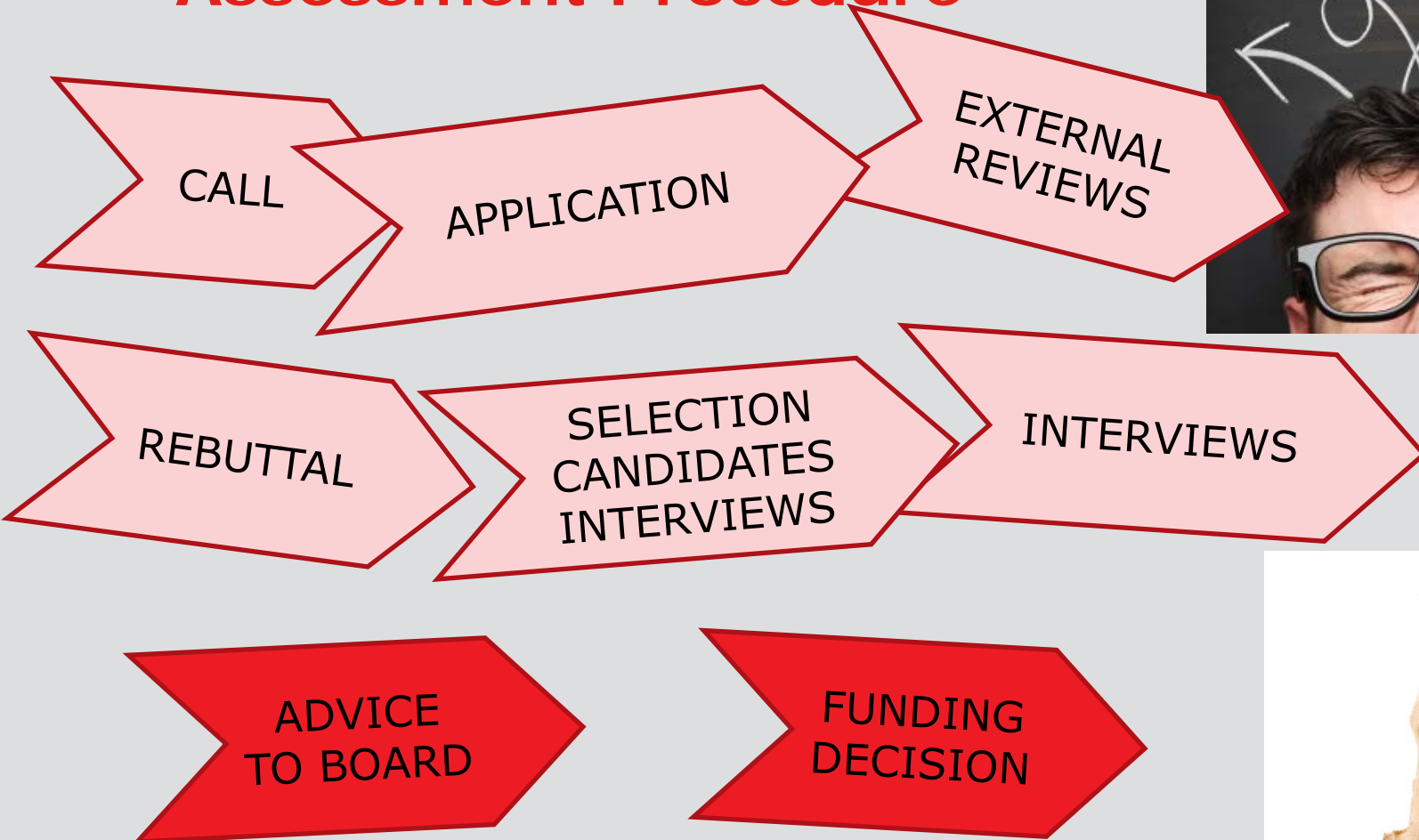
Potential

- contribution to society and/or other academic areas
- disciplines and organisations that might benefit

Implementation

- (concrete) Outcomes for society
 - Action plan
 - Involving potential knowledge users
 - Time frame
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- More information in a special session later

Assessment Procedure



Cross-disciplinary



Cross-disciplinary Veni/Vidi applications are handled by an interdivisional committee (Vici = science-wide).

Cross-disciplinary means:

An application with substantial components of fields covered by two or more NWO divisions.

Cross Disciplinary Secretariat:

WOTRO (Science for Global Development)

Procedure identical

VENI /VIDI : PRE-SELECTION possible

- Only applies if # applications > 4 times the number of available grants
- Same criteria apply
- Same committee at work
- Results in yes/no decision on whether your application will be sent to external reviewers or not.
- In case of a no the application is not granted



VICI: PRE-PROPOSAL compulsory

- You cannot submit a full proposal if you did not provide a pre-proposal.
- Same criteria apply
- Same committee at work
- Results in y/n advice
- Goal: to advise on whether or not to invest in writing a full (16p) proposal



Eligibility



- NWO checks formal requirements of the Call (Chap 3) such as:
- Do you meet the terms for submission?
- Does your application follow the format (word and page limits, etc)

Extension

NB Extension: **contact us** before you start writing your application

- Information in FAQ online: max. extension of 5 years for
- Care leave
- Sick leave
- Clinical specialisations (list online)

Assessment level

- Veni and Vidi:
Assessed on the level of a NWO division
- Vici pre-proposals:
Assessed in three domain panels:
Alpha/Gamma, Physical Sciences and Engineering, or Life sciences
- Vici full proposals (selecting candidates for interview):
Assessed also by three domain panels
- Vici Interviews:
Assessed by a science-wide panel
(Consisting of members from all domain panels).



External reviewers

- NWO selects the reviewers, using for example
- Your abstract, your key words, your literature list, your CV (conferences)
- Web Of Science, Reviewfinder, google scolar
- No conflict of interest. Think of professional relationships, like: supervision, collaboration, colleagues (Code online)
- Anonymous for the applicants and committee
- Non-referees? Max 3.

Rebuttal

- For committee only
- Is not sent to the external reviewer



Committee



- No conflict of interest
- Committee presented online (if not yet this year's, then last year's).
- Responsible for:
 - Pre-selection (Veni, Vidi) or advise on pre-proposals (Vici)
 - Selection of applicants for the interview
 - Interviews with applicants
 - 2-3 times the number of grants are invited for the interview

Committee



Interviews

- Depending on # interviews: several days/parallel sessions
- Invitation includes who is present at your interview
- Planning is fixed
Information on schedule is given in Call and letters from NWO
- Set up: brief presentation followed by discussion with the committee



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%)
- Varies between years and science fields

Female scientists encouraged to apply!





Linked to Vidi & Vici: Aspasia

- Bonus for university boards that promote 'their' female Vidi or Vici laureates to UHD or professor respectively
- Needs to be a permanent position
- Aspasia is offered to:
 - Laureates
 - Applicants qualified as very good after the final interview stage

www.nwo.nl/aspasia

www.nwo.nl/vi (docs)

www.nwo.nl/vi-programme (cies, a.o.)

www.nwo.nl/contact (contacts in divisions)

www.nwo.nl/aspasia

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Thank you for your attention



I don't agree with the decision

- Send an appeal to the NWO Committee for appeals
- Independent committee advising our board
- Result can be: nothing changes – NWO procedure considered to have been careful and according to Call. Or: decision to provide a better motivation, or a re-assessment if necessary.

