



Yellow Research

NWO Talentscheme: VIDI call 2024

How to develop an excellent VIDI project and write a competitive proposal

1. The Training

Obtaining a VIDI-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 between 10% and 20% depending on year and science division.

In this training we distinguish between the quality of the *research project* and the quality of the *written proposal*. Both have to be excellent to be successful.

We will address the typical characteristics of a VIDI application considering the different NWO domains and incorporating recent developments including signature of the DORA agreement by NWO and the latest development regarding the introduction of pre-proposals for all domains for VIDI applicants. In addition, focus will be on the correct interpretation of the evaluation criteria for the PI, for the research project and for scientific and societal impact including their interrelationship and in combination with the proposal Template.

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

2. Programme Outline

Topics of morning programme:

- Background and context, incl. evaluation procedure
- How to interpret the evaluation criteria for the research project: VIDI project development in 8 steps
- Optimizing Scientific and Societal Impact: Vision and Strategy
- Budget and Team, including interpretation of evaluation criteria for the researcher

Topics of afternoon programme:

- VIDI Pre-proposal writing: Evidence based CV with special attention for leadership
- Getting ready to write sections 2a + 2b of the full proposal: Description of the Proposed Research and Scientific and Societal impact.

3. Who should attend

This workshop is directed towards talented researchers who consider submitting an NWO VIDI pre-proposal for the next deadline in November 2024 and possibly a full proposal in March 2025.

4. Methodology



In-house 1-day workshop at the premises of the university.



Access to the slides



Access to our “Yellow Research Guide on VIDI proposals”

The complete training is offered in English with no translation. All the training material will be made available via our E-learning environment.

5. Trainer

Aya van den Kroonenberg, PhD. Aya joined Yellow Research in 2013. She has more than 20 years of experience with writing and reviewing Dutch and European research grants with a particular focus on individual research projects.

Our knowledge and experience in pre-submission review of individual research grants is an important aspect of our success with this training.

6. Date and location

Dates	September 10 2024 (9:30 – 16:00)
Location	Wageningen University