

Dear candidate,

With this letter we would like to inform you about the forthcoming call for the **NWO Vidi** and the *Individual Grants Support Programme* offered by the university. The proposal deadline is on 2 November 2021.

You can find more information at NWO: [Vidi AES](#)/[Vidi SSH](#)/[Vidi Science](#)/[Vidi ZonMw](#) and in the university [Funding Calendar](#).

Some information on the scheme

The Vidi scheme is aimed at researchers (who obtained their doctorate within the last 8 years) who have done several years of research at postdoc level. In this research you have come up with innovative ideas that you have been able to independently and successfully develop further. The project must be carried out at a Dutch institution recognized by NWO. You can apply for funding up to € 800.000,- for a period of 5 years.

Please note that this year's deadline is not in October but on November 2nd, 2021.

The knowledge utilization section will be looked at through the impact outlook approach. More information on this can be found in the Call for Proposals (paragraphs 2.4 and 4.2).

Some information on the support

At Leiden University the *Individual Grants Support Programme* is in place to guide you through the different phases of preparing a grant application and to assist you with writing a highly competitive proposal. The earlier you get into contact with a grant advisor the better we can advise and guide you. The support of the grant advisors is offered to all researchers who submit a proposal with Leiden University as the host. The preparation process for proposals consists of the following steps:

1. Contact your institute management to share your Vidi plans.
2. a. Meet a [grant advisor](#) to discuss your research idea and CV as early in your process as possible. Please reach out to the person of contact within your institute, or faculty, first. Your local grant advisor will be able to guide you through the application process and support you with all your questions and needs.
b. Discuss your research idea with peers who can judge the scientific merits and help to increase the competitive edge of your proposal.
3. a. In September/beginning October submit your draft for critical review and advice on structure to your grant advisor.
4. In the last week of October submit your proposal to ISAAC or MijnZonMw.

Please find attached a visual representation of the preparation process for the proposal, including links to find persons of contact.

If you have any questions please contact me by email or MS Teams.

Best wishes,

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