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BCN seed grants 2024 – Send your application by September 30!!

BCN provides research projects and training for MSc and PhD students in an interdisciplinary environment to nurture skilful *T-shaped researchers*. This refers to scientists who are specialised and knowledgeable in their field (the leg of the T), and at the same time integrated into broader interdisciplinary collaborations to enable novel connections and ideas (the horizontal part).

To further stimulate interdisciplinary skills and collaborations for early career researchers (i.e., MSc students, PhD-students, post-docs, and other scientific staff within the first ten years after receiving their PhD), BCN awards several seed grants every year. These BCN seed grants, with a maximum of €10.000 each, are awarded **to stimulate new interdisciplinary projects and ideas** and to facilitate long-lasting multidisciplinary collaborations leading to further interdisciplinary grant applications and/or PhD trajectories. The seed grant program is financed by the BCN Office (Medical Faculty), with a budget for 2024 of €30.000.

Project description and criteria:

- The project should be written by early career researchers. These applicants **cannot** be affiliated with the same BCN-associated faculties. This means that at least 2 different BCN-associated faculties have to be involved in the project proposal.
- Applicants should be involved in the BCN through either the ReMa, Graduate School, or as BCN members.
- The topic of the proposed project should concern “Neuroscience and cognition” and should aim to bridge the interests of the different researchers/research groups involved in the project.
- The BCN seed grant can be used to cover salary, travel costs, lab work, or equipment to enable a pilot study or a small research project fitting the above goals.
- Note that the BCN seed grant is **not** meant for financing ongoing projects, (e.g., the salary of current PhD students) or open-access publications.

- Applicants should write a proposal with a maximum of 3 pages (A4; font size 10, including references) containing:
 - title;
 - aim of the project;
 - applicant information, including affiliations and career level;
 - short description of the project (research question, objectives, work plan) (500 words max);
 - interdisciplinary aspects, highlighting the specific contributions of the different applicants (150 words max);
 - fit to BCN objectives (150 words max);
 - innovative aspects (150 words max);
 - description of open science practices (if applicable; 100 words max);
 - budget, time planning, and its justification (150 words max);
 - an explanation of why BCN-seed funding is needed for this collaboration;
 - perspectives for further funding (150 words max);
 - expected output in terms of publications and outreach (100 words max).
- A short CV (max 1 page each) from each applicant should also be attached to the proposal

The deadline for submission is by September 30, 2024. Please send all corresponding documents to e.t.kuiper-drenth@umcg.nl

A selection committee with BCN faculty will evaluate all proposals and select those who will be awarded the grant by November 1st 2024.

For BCN researchers see: <https://www.rug.nl/research/behavioural-cognitive-neurosciences/research/researchinstitutes> or contact with e.t.kuiper-drenth@umcg.nl