



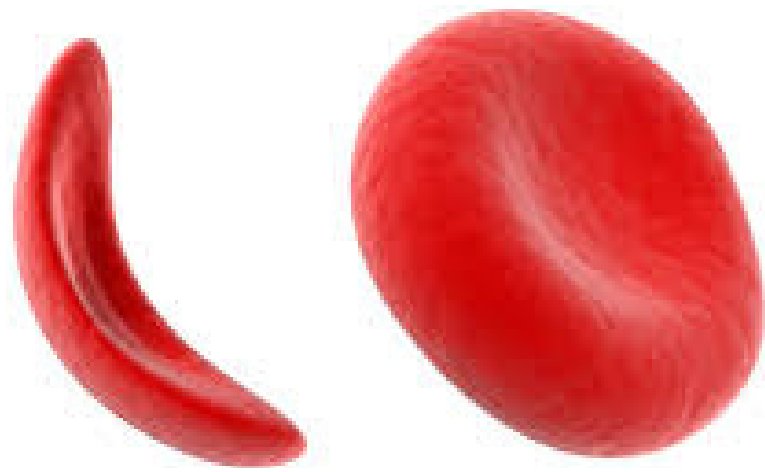
SOROYA BEACHER YOUNG INVESTIGATOR GRANT 2021



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1. SOROYA BEACHER YOUNG INVESTIGATOR GRANT

In the interest of science and society, the Netherlands Sickle Cell Foundation (het Sikkelfonds) aims to support talented young scientists, PhD candidates, master students and nurse specialists in their development within the field of sickle cell disease in order to improve the prospects and the future for patients. By looking beyond their own borders and gaining knowledge, creativity and confidence, we hope to support their contributions to research and the well-being of individuals with sickle cell disease. In honour of Soroya Beacher, who was an example for all working in the field of sickle cell disease and thalassemia, the Netherlands Sickle Cell Foundation has installed a Young Investigators Grant in her name.

2. APPLICATION & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Applications are sent to the Board of the Netherlands Sickle Cell Foundation (info@hetsikkelcelfonds.nl) signed and scanned as pdf.

Please scan the application in the following order:

1. Application form
2. Letter of recommendation

Only complete and correct applications will be accepted.

Deadline

The application deadline for the 2021 call is April 1st 2021 at 23:59 hours. The application form must be fully completed (in English) and signed by the applicant and his/her supervisor.

Applicant

Applicants are excellent PhD candidates, master students or nurse specialists, registered at one of the Academic centers in the Netherlands and are not older than 35 years of age.

Period

The minimal duration of the course or research traineeship period that will be funded is 4 weeks.

Budget

The maximum grant is €5,000. Within this amount, course fees will be completely funded.

Costs of travel and housing are fundable up to 75% of the total costs. Costs of living, such as food, drinks and local travel or transfer costs are excluded from funding.

Cost estimate

An estimate of the total expected costs (100%) must be included in the application form. The grant will be based on this estimate. Please be aware that the payments will be based on the actual costs.

FINAL GRANT

The final grant will be awarded under the condition of acceptance of subscription to the program.

A written confirmation of acceptance has to be submitted to the Executive Office of the Netherlands Sickle Cell Foundation (see below). A maximum of 50% can be paid as an advance. The final payment of the grant will be based on actual costs.

Extension of travel arrangements

In case travel arrangements are extended, for example due to a vacation, the applicant must inform the Executive Office of the Netherlands (Sickle Cell Foundation) in advance.

3. SELECTION

The rating of applicants will be made by a selection committee.

The committee consists of three established international researchers.

The selection committee sends their ranking and proposal to the Scientific Board of the Netherlands Sickle Cell Foundation, who will make the final selection.

Rating will be based on training plan, degree of excellence of the chosen research institute, curriculum vitae, and motivation.

Application form

The maximum number of words for the summary of the research project (300 words), the training plan, excellence of institute (100 words) and motivation (500 words) may not be exceeded. Please do not add appendices.

Procedure

The application form will be reviewed by the selection committee.

Letter of recommendation

A letter of recommendation from the PhD supervisor is required. Do not include other letters of recommendation.

Notification

The final decision who will be awarded the Soroya Beacher Young Investigator Grant will be communicated to all applicants by the Board of the Sickle Cell Foundation two weeks before the Award Ceremony.

AWARD CEREMONY

The Soroya Beacher Young Investigators Grant will be awarded during an official ceremony on World Sickle Cell Day (Saturday, June 19th 2021).

It is obligatory to be able to be present during the ceremony. Further details will be sent to all applicants in due time.

For more information, please contact info@hetsikkelcelfonds.nl.



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4. PROCEDURE AFTER SELECTION

In case of any unforeseen circumstances before or during the stay abroad, of influence to the scholarship or the budget, it is mandatory to contact the Netherlands Sickle cell Foundation immediately.



Contact
information

info@hetsikkelcelfonds.nl

5. REPORTING OF YOUR EXPERIENCES AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

During the year (July 1st 2021 to July 1st 2022) in which you have been awarded the Soroya Beacher Young Investigator Grant, you will report on your ongoing research once every month in a small report with photograph or other visuals which will be published on social media and on the website of the foundation by our back office.

In addition, within four weeks after the end of your training funded by the grant you will hand in a short report (max two A4) with a discussion of your experiences. This report will include certificates or other documentation proving attendance, as well as a few pictures of your stay abroad. This report will be used to illustrate the accomplishments made possible by the grant on the website of the Netherlands Sickle Cell Foundation (www.hetsikkelcelfonds.nl) and other media in order to inform donors and other important stakeholders.

- Please include in your report:
- Institute, period and followed programs.
- Why you applied for the grant.
- What added value and most important lessons you have learnt from this experience.
- Why it is so important to look beyond your own borders and gain experience in another institution.
- Send all communications and reports to: info@hetsikkelcelfonds.nl.

FUNDING

The final grant will be based on the actual costs. Remittance of the grant will take place in two parts. Before visiting the institute you may receive an advance of 50% of the grant.

This will enable you to make the payments necessary for your stay. Within four weeks after the conclusion of your training, you submit a statement of expenses and financial settlement (invoices, certificates) as well as the report of your experiences (as mentioned in paragraph 5). After approval, you will receive the additional 50%, based on actual costs.

To be eligible for reimbursement, be sure to provide the following documents:

- Confirmation of the airline regarding the ticket costs
- (Copy) of the signed rental agreement by both parties with a review of the monthly costs
- Invoice or confirmation of the hotel with the arrival and departure dates and costs for the stay
- Confirmation from the institute regarding the visit
- Certificate of registration for participation in the course
- Invoice or statement regarding the course fee
- Bank or credit card statements showing all costs are paid by applicant
- Digital photograph

All confirmations or invoices must be in name of the applicant. Without additional bank or credit card statements the Netherlands Sickle Cell Foundation will not be able to reimburse any costs.