**NSWO Young Talent Fund**

With the Young Talent Fund the NSWO offers the opportunity to young researchers to present their own research at a conference, visit a foreign laboratory or attend a course focussed on sleep-wake research. The NSWO highly values supporting young researchers to gain such academic experiences in an early stage of their career as it will stimulate them to develop their knowledge in new ways, and build an (inter)national network of professionals. This year up to five grants will be made available with a maximum of 800 euro each.

**Who can apply for the NSWO Young Talent Fund?**

The NSWO Young Talent Fund can be used for attending national and international conferences, foreign laboratory visit, and courses focussing on sleep-wake research. An applicant has to adhere to the following criteria to be considered:

* The applicant has to be an NSWO member at the time of the application
* The applicant has to be younger than 35 years old, and have not yet obtained a PhD or obtained a PhD a maximum of three years before.
* Each applicant can only apply once per call.
* NSWO Young Talent Fund recipients that were selected in the past three years are excluded from participating in this call.

**How can I apply for the NSWO Young Talent Fund?**

Applications should be handed in before 1 May 2023 11:59 p.m. by sending the application package as one PDF file to [secretaris@nswo.nl](mailto:secretaris@nswo.nl). The application should consist of:

* Motivational letter, in which the personal motivation and the choice for the proposed conference, laboratory visit or course is explained (maximum 1 A4).
* Curriculum vitae (maximum 2 A4).
* Signed confirmation of the principal investigator or employer that the applicant is involved in sleep-wake research, is younger than 35 years old and has not yet obtained a PhD or obtained the PhD a maximum of three years before.
* Concise budget of the (forecasted) registration fee, study materials, travel and accommodation costs. Other costs of living will not be reimbursed. The maximum budget available per grant is 800 euro.

**The selection process.**

Applications will be evaluated by the board of the NSWO. Only complete applications will be considered. Each year up to four grants will be awarded, two in the category basic sleep-wake research and two in clinical sleep-wake research. The preference will be given to early career researchers and to applications that have the opportunity to present their own research during the proposed conference, laboratory visit or course. The grant recipients will be announced during the NSWO Spring Symposium and by e-mail.

**NSWO Young Talent Fund recipients.**

To get reimbursed, recipients are requested to submit receipts of the actual costs and a short report of their experience (300-400 words with a picture) to [secretaris@nswo.nl](mailto:secretaris@nswo.nl) within one month after attending the course, conference or laboratory visit. The combined receipts cannot exceed the total budget that was requested during the application process. The report could be used by the NSWO for promotional purposes (i.e., on the website or within a newsletter).