

**Both the public summaries and the scientific summary should be included in the application form as well as in Mijn ZonMw.**

## Notes Scientific summary of research proposal

### Identical to the Scientific summary in the application form

Provide a summary of your proposal (topic, approach and potential importance of the results) in no more than three hundred words.

Make sure to provide an informative and relevant abstract, clearly describing what you are going to investigate, why you are going to investigate this subject and which results you expect to find.

## Notes Public summary of your research proposal

### Identical to the Public summary in the application form

Please draft two public summaries of your proposal: one in English and one in Dutch, 50-100 words each (Do not forget the title line). If your application is successful, the public summaries will be used in NWO publicity surrounding the announcement of the grant award decisions.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- o Use comprehensible, everyday language and be as specific as possible. For example, do not write 'the mechanism underlying apoptosis will be examined' but 'the researchers will use microscopes to look for the reasons for spontaneous cell death'.
- o Do not write in terms of 'we' and 'us' but use terms like researchers, biologists, literary specialists, etc.
- o Write the summary in such a way that you feel you ought to be including terms like 'basically', 'put simply', 'roughly speaking' and 'in lay terms' – but do not actually include them!

Examples of public summaries:

#### **Ratten op reis**

*Dr. A.A.E. van der Geer, Naturalis*

De Polynesische rat komt voor op bijna alle eilanden in de Stille Zuidzee. Echter, hij hoort er niet thuis. De Polynesische rat werd er door mensen gebracht en paste zich aan de lokale omstandigheden aan. Dit onderzoek leert ons hoe zoogdieren evolueren en hoe de huidige biodiversiteit kan zijn ontstaan. (50 words)

#### **The magnetic brain: Alzheimer's disease seen through iron**

*Dr. L. Bossoni, LUMC, Radiology Department – Biophysics*

Abnormal accumulation of iron is found in the brains of patients suffering from several different neurodegenerative diseases, but its potential toxicity is still not understood. This research project uses a new and multidisciplinary approach to detect and characterize different forms of iron, also leading to new in vivo methods of visualization (51 words).