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| Grant application pre-proposal form 2024  NWO Talent Programme – Vidi scheme |  |
| Health and Research Development (ZonMw) |

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The information on rules and guidelines (the explanatory notes) are embedded in the form. Please expand the ‘Explanatory Notes’ for information on terms, conditions and requirements.

Note: on Apple computers the rules and guidelines can be made visible by selecting ‘Outline’ under the ‘View’ tab in Word. The rules and guidelines are automatically visible in Google docs.

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| General notes |
| * The preferred font is **Calibri**, **black, 9.5 point** font size, except for references to the literature, which may be provided in 8.5 point. Use line spacing 1. If using LaTeX, please use of a font (size) that most closely approximates the preferred font; use margins of 2.5 centimetres. * Word counts include **all text** (including text in tables, footnotes and figures)**.** Exceptions are explicitly mentioned in the Explanatory Notes for the different sections of the pre-proposal form. * Provide only the requested information. When asked for personal details, only mention initials and last name, and refrain from mentioning first name(s) in order to reduce gender effects. * Please **make sure the Explanatory notes are not visible in the PDF version of your pre-proposal**. In order to achieve this you should remove the Explanatory note text boxes. * Important note: when writing your proposal, take into account that it will be read by a broadly composed assessment committee within the ZonMw domain.   **Guidelines for the use of hyperlinks**  The use of hyperlinks is prohibited in all sections of the pre-proposal form except for the Key Output (section 2b). Note that some hyperlinks will become active again when converting the document to pdf. To prevent this from happening, remove the 'https' affix.  In section 2b, you may use only one hyperlink per output item, on the condition that it directly links to the output item, and does not show additional output items. This hyperlink should preferably be in the form of a persistent identifier (e.g. a DOI).  **Guidelines for the use of quality indicators**  You may only use quality indicators that are measured at the level of the individual output item, for instance article level indicators. All indicators, whether quantitative or qualitative, that do not satisfy this rule are excluded. This means that **journal impact factors (JIF)** or any other indicator that refers to a journal, publisher or publication platform may not be stated, nor may descriptions of reputation such as “**top** journal” and “**high-quality** university press”. **H-index** and **sums and averages of citations** may also not be stated as these indicators are measured at author level.  You are requested to provide context and explain in a motivation the choice of indicators to support the assessment.  You may not mention lists or total numbers of publications, grants or prizes, nor the total acquired sum. You are allowed to mention amounts for individual grants or prizes. In case you mention specific prizes or grants, you must provide context, e.g. by describing how the opportunities offered by the grant or prize were used.  You are allowed to mention total amounts of PhD students supervised, if relevant. Note that NWO recommends you to provide substantial information on your approach to mentorship and supervision.  Do not refer to reputation in any section, e.g. do not mention terms as ‘**leading** institution’ or ‘**world-renowned** scholar**’**, but provide substantiation of relevant qualities and how you have benefitted and/or contributed, or will benefit and/or contribute.  Before completing the pre-proposal form, please study the information in the Call for Proposals of the NWO Talent Programme – Vidi 2024, the guidelines provided in the explanatory notes throughout the pre-proposal form, and the [FAQ](https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/nwo-talent-programme/faq) (‘Frequently Asked Questions’). You can download these texts from the NWO or ZonMw Vidi website. The original Dutch version of the call is the authoritative version. Where the English version might be open to a different interpretation, no additional rights may be derived from it.  **Please note that** **PDF format is required for all documents to be submitted via Mijn ZonMw**. To fill out the pre-proposal form, you are free to use programs other than Word, as long as you preserve the form’s overall structure and lay-out.  This pre-proposal form is specific for ZonMw applications and should be used if you submit your pre-proposal to ZonMw. Please submit your pre-proposal form, using **Mijn ZonMw** ([mijn.zonmw.nl](https://mijn.zonmw.nl)).  Note that Mijn ZonMw may use a session timeout. **Save your pre-proposal data regularly and avoid long sessions with periods of inactivity.**  When you submit the pre-proposal form in Mijn ZonMw you are required to fill out the “Research Idea” section. Please fill out this section using the same text as the “research idea” in this pre-proposal form (2c) (max 150 words).  In Mijn ZonMw, upload the following documents:   * ZonMw Vidi 2024 pre-proposal form * Embedding guarantee   Optional annexes are:   * Literature list * Non-reviewers form   You may not upload any other documents.  Completed pre-proposal forms must be converted to PDF before submission. In order for Mijn ZonMw to process the pre-proposal data properly, all submitted PDF files must be free of **security locks and bookmarks.** If you do not know how to convert your pre-proposal to PDF format, allow extra time to get help from your institution’s computer support department or from the Mijn ZonMw system help desk (see contact details below).  The deadline for submitting your pre-proposal is **5 November 2024, 14:00:00 hrs** (CET). This means that you must have filled out all fields, uploaded the pre-proposal form and the annexes, and have clicked the ‘submit’ button **before** 14:00:00 hrs (CET). **Pre-proposals received after the deadline are automatically disqualified.**  Complete the pre-proposal entirely in **English**. Do not exceed the stated maximum number of words for each section of the form. If you exceed the stated maximum number of words or if you fail to supply the necessary documents, your pre-proposal may be disqualified from the competition.  If you have any questions about the pre-proposal form or the pre-proposal process, please do not hesitate to contact the programme coordinator. Contact details can be found in the call for proposals and on the ZonMw Vidi website: <https://www.zonmw.nl/programma/vidi>.  You will receive a confirmation of the eligibility of your submission — i.e., whether it complies with all formal requirements — within approximately two to three weeks after the submission deadline. Please be available during this time frame to incorporate any required changes requested by NWO before your pre-proposal can be declared admissible.  For any technical questions regarding submission, please contact the Mijn ZonMw helpdesk:  [servicedesk@zonmw.nl](mailto:servicedesk@zonmw.nl) or +31 70 349 51 78 |

1. Institution and field of research‏‏‎‏

This section is part of the Mijn ZonMw online application form.

2. Evidence Based Curriculum Vitae

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| General notes Evidence-based Curriculum Vitae |
| Sections 2a and 2b are used as the basis for the assessment of the criterion “Quality of the researcher”. For this criterion, the assessment committee will assess:   * + - 1. Whether the researcher fits in the target group: is the researcher in transition to leadership, i.e. are they ready to establish a research group or expand a recent research group, and to what extent will the Vidi contribute to the researcher's leadership development?       2. The extent to which the researcher's qualities clearly exceed what is customary within the international peer group, as evidenced in the CV by the quality and impact of the key output and by other academic achievements\*;       3. The extent to which the researcher's work is clearly positioned with respect to scientific and (where possible) societal themes or questions;       4. The quality of the (inter)national network, collaborative abilities and visibility of the researcher;       5. The extent to which the researcher demonstrates the capability of generating innovative ideas and independently developing these successfully;       6. The extent to which researcher's approach to leadership and mentorship and plans for contributing to the development of individuals, as described in the academic profile, are appropriate.       7. Whether the researcher's key output and academic profile clearly align with the research idea, or whether the researcher presents a convincing vision of how this alignment will be achieved.   \*Examples of 'other academic achievements' are contributions to the development of scientific theories and methods, indications of independence, contributions to Open Science and 'academic citizenship'.  Note that the pre-proposal will be assessed by a broad scientific assessment committee. Make sure that your academic profile and key output sections are clear and comprehensible for a broadly composed assessment committee. |

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| Explanatory Notes 2a. Academic profile |
| * The word count includes all text used in section 2a, including – but not limited to – references, footnotes, text in figures, figure captions and tables. * The use of hyperlinks is prohibited in this section.   2a. Academic profile is divided into two sections:   * 2a1: General academic profile; * 2a2: Leadership and mentorship.   In section 2a1, please write a narrative highlighting your academic achievements that are most relevant to your field, other scientific fields, society and/or the research idea. Provide context and evidence of how the elements you choose to include, show qualities that clearly exceed what is customary within your international peer group.  You are free to shape your narrative in any way to suit your profile. You may for example choose to simply describe your academic profile in running text, add highlights by using bold or italic fonts, choose to add structure via subheadings, and/or list achievements point by point followed by an explanation.  Which elements are relevant to mention, depends on the particular field and on your personal situation. You may also include context on situations that have hindered your ability to show your qualities.  In section 2a2, highlight your approach and vision to leadership and mentorship. Describe how you have taken steps towards contributing to the development of individuals, including students, non-academic staff and academic staff (such as PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers). You can add information on expertise that you have provided which contributed to the success of previous or current projects, including project management, collaborative contributions, and/or team support. Section 2a2 can also be used to highlight the establishment of collaborations, such as institutional, national and/or international collaborations or collaborations within and beyond the boundaries of the applicant’s main field of research.  Examples of topics you may address are:  **Section 2a1 – General academic profile:**   * Lines of (independent) research, signs of independence; * Relevant skills; * Alignment of the academic profile with the research idea, or a vision of how this alignment will be achieved; * Theoretical and/or methodological contributions; * (Inter)national orientation and activities, including conference participation, organisation and invited lectures; * Impact, knowledge utilisation, outreach and popularisation. Relevance of research results and their position relative to societal topics; * Contributions to open science; * (Specific) prizes, awards and grants, and how the opportunities offered by the particular prize, award or grant were used\*; * Interdisciplinary activities; * Academic citizenship, contributions to improvement of academic culture, membership of scientific boards, editorial boards, and committees; * Administrative, organisational, and managerial tasks; * Educational activities, e.g. the connection of research and education.   **Section 2a2 – Leadership and mentorship:**   * Approach to leadership and mentorship (required); * Contributions to the development of individuals (students, academic staff and/or non-academic staff); * Contributions to the development of projects, organisations, companies and/or institutions; * Collaborations, roles in teams, and networking capabilities.   *Please note that the focus of section 2a Academic Profile is not on output nor output indicators, as output should be addressed in section 2b. You are only allowed to refer to the academic output items you also mention in section 2b. In case you do mention one or more key output items in section 2a, you must refer to the number of the output item as it is listed under 2b. Do not refer to any additional output, output metrics, or expected/future output and do not mention total numbers of output.*  *\* You may not mention lists or total numbers of publications, grants or prizes, nor the total acquired sum. You are allowed to mention amounts for individual grants or prizes. In case you mention specific prizes or grants, you must provide context, e.g. by describing how the opportunities offered by the grant or prize were used.* |

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| Explanatory Notes 2b. Key output |
| In the key output section you may list a maximum of 10 output items that best show your qualities, relevant for your field, other scientific fields, the research idea and/or society.  For each key output item:   * Provide the reference to the output item in the text field labelled “Reference”. * Provide a URL that links directly to the output item in the text field labelled “URL”, preferably in the form of a persistent identifier (e.g. a DOI). You may use only one hyperlink per output item. Do not use hyperlinks outside the URL text field. The provided URL must link to a publicly accessible website. * Select the output type from the drop-down menu in the “Type” field. If you select “Other, please describe” you can add the output type directly behind the drop down menu. * Select at least one quality indicator from the drop-down menus in the “Quality indicators” field. If you select “Other, please describe” you can add the indicator name directly behind the drop down menu. Note that you may only use indicators that are measured at the level of the individual output item (e.g. article level indicators). Author level and Journal/Publisher level indicators such as h-index and Journal Impact Factor are not allowed. **Please note: you may not include any additional text or numbers with your choice of quality indicator. All additional information on the quality indicators should be included in the text field “Motivation”.** * Select a maximum of three quality indicators, do not add new lines. * In the text field “Motivation”, include a motivation for the selection of this specific output item and explain what the chosen quality indicator(s) mean in this particular case. Explain your contribution, especially for multi-author output. You may choose to combine the motivation for multiple key output items. * The word count includes all text used in the motivation text fields, including – but not limited to – references, footnotes, text in figures, figure captions and tables. * Do not mention any of your own academic output beyond the 10 key output items.   Further explanation and examples  While the maximum amount of output items that can be listed is ten, this does not mean that you are required to mention ten items. The evidence-based CV format is designed to accommodate all scientific disciplines. NWO recognises that what is customary in numbers and types of output varies between disciplines. If you choose to list less than ten items, please remove all empty key output fields.  The assessment committee will be asked to assess each applicant’s selection of output in light of the culture and customs of the scientific field and in light of the applicant’s effective research time. You are encouraged to include relevant information on the culture and customs of the scientific field in the motivation text fields, as long as you refrain from mentioning quality indicators that are banned by NWO (see ’General explanatory notes’).  As you motivate your selection of key output and clarify your contribution, we suggest using the [Contributor Roles Taxonomy ‘CrediT’](https://credit.niso.org/).  Various types of output may be mentioned. The drop-down menu under “Type” lists a variety of potential output types. If the type of output you want to mention is not listed, simply select “Other” and add the output type directly behind the drop down menu.  For journal publications, book publications, and where possible all other output, provide the following information: the author(s) in the order as published, date, title of the publication, journal or series in which the publication appeared, volume, page numbers, and (if applicable) publisher and place. Do not use “et al.”, so members of the assessment committee can see your position in the author list.  Please indicate if output is open access (e.g. open access publications, open access databases and open source software) by selecting ‘Yes’ in the option menu “Open access”. Output marked as Open Access must be freely accessible worldwide at least from the time of the deadline forward.  In case of publications only mention publications that have actually been published, are in print (which implies that you are able to mention page numbers or a Digital Object Identifier (DOI)), are unconditionally accepted, or are available as pre-print or working paper in an open archive, with identifier (DOI, arXiv id, handle, or other standard persistent identifiers). Pre-prints and working papers are academic manuscripts that have not been peer reviewed or published in a traditional venue (yet). Papers that you are working on, that are not finished and/or not openly available, are not considered to be working papers. For more information on where you can publish preprints, visit the [Directory of Open Access Preprint Repositories](https://doapr.coar-repositories.org/).  Do not list publications that are still under review, and do not use the term “forthcoming” (or any derivative thereof) as its meaning is ambiguous. When including preprints, refrain from mentioning whether the document has been submitted to a journal. Note that book contracts are not considered unconditionally accepted publications and thus may not be mentioned as key output, unless the definitive version of the book manuscript has been unconditionally approved by the publisher. The publication status of your output must be clearly indicated.  ZonMw may request proof of the status of your output. The assessment committee will be asked to ignore any mention of output that does not meet the guidelines. |

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| Explanatory Notes 2c. Research idea |
| * The word count includes all text used in section 2c, excluding the title and key words. * The use of hyperlinks is prohibited   Please add a title above the description of the idea in Calibri, underlined, 9.5-point font size.  Add up to 5 key words that best fit your research idea.  Provide a concise description of your research idea (topic and potential importance of the results) in no more than 150 words.  **Please make sure that the title, keywords and research idea are the same as those entered in Mijn ZonMw.**  In the Vidi pre-proposal, the research idea is an indication of the topic and importance of the envisioned project, rather than a summary of a fully thought-out plan.  **Note:** The ‘research idea’ is not assessed as an independent criterion in the pre-proposal phase. The assessment committee uses the research idea to evaluate whether the applicant’s evidence-based CV aligns with the idea, and if not, if the applicant has provided a convincing plan of how this alignment will be achieved (see description of the criterion in the General notes under section 2). The research idea and key words may be used by ZonMw to start the process of finding external peer reviewers for the full proposal. |

2a. Academic profile

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| *(Total word limit section 2a1 + section 2a2: 1200 words)*   |  | | --- | | Section 2a1 – General academic profile |  |  | | --- | | Section 2a2: Leadership and mentorship |   Total word count 2a Academic Profile: |

2b. Key output

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| *(Total key output limit: 10 items. Total word limit: min. 400 – max. 700 words for all the motivations, excl. references, URLs and indicators)* |

Key output 1 Open Access: Yes/No

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| Reference: |
| URL: |
| Type: Choose an output type |
| Quality indicators (only add additional information in the motivation section below):  1) Choose an indicator  2) Optional: choose a second indicator  3) Optional: choose a third indicator |
| Motivation: |

Key output 2 Open Access: Yes/No

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| Reference: |
| URL: |
| Type: Choose an output type |
| Quality indicators (only add additional information in the motivation section below):  1) Choose an indicator  2) Optional: choose a second indicator  3) Optional: choose a third indicator |
| Motivation: |

Key output 3 Open Access: Yes/No

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| Reference: |
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| Type: Choose an output type |
| Quality indicators (only add additional information in the motivation section below):  1) Choose an indicator  2) Optional: choose a second indicator  3) Optional: choose a third indicator |
| Motivation: |

Key output 4 Open Access: Yes/No

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| Reference: |
| URL: |
| Type: Choose an output type |
| Quality indicators (only add additional information in the motivation section below):  1) Choose an indicator  2) Optional: choose a second indicator  3) Optional: choose a third indicator |
| Motivation: |

Key output 5 Open Access: Yes/No

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| Reference: |
| URL: |
| Type: Choose an output type |
| Quality indicators (only add additional information in the motivation section below):  1) Choose an indicator  2) Optional: choose a second indicator  3) Optional: choose a third indicator |
| Motivation: |

Key output 6 Open Access: Yes/No

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| Reference: |
| URL: |
| Type: Choose an output type |
| Quality indicators (only add additional information in the motivation section below):  1) Choose an indicator  2) Optional: choose a second indicator  3) Optional: choose a third indicator |
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Key output 7 Open Access: Yes/No

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| Reference: |
| URL: |
| Type: Choose an output type |
| Quality indicators (only add additional information in the motivation section below):  1) Choose an indicator  2) Optional: choose a second indicator  3) Optional: choose a third indicator |
| Motivation: |

Key output 8 Open Access: Yes/No

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| Reference: |
| URL: |
| Type: Choose an output type |
| Quality indicators (only add additional information in the motivation section below):  1) Choose an indicator  2) Optional: choose a second indicator  3) Optional: choose a third indicator |
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Key output 9 Open Access: Yes/No

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| Type: Choose an output type |
| Quality indicators (only add additional information in the motivation section below):  1) Choose an indicator  2) Optional: choose a second indicator  3) Optional: choose a third indicator |
| Motivation: |

Key output 10 Open Access: Yes/No

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| Reference: |
| URL: |
| Type: Choose an output type |
| Quality indicators (only add additional information in the motivation section below):  1) Choose an indicator  2) Optional: choose a second indicator  3) Optional: choose a third indicator |
| Motivation: |

Word count 2b Key output:

2c. Research idea

*(Total word limit: 150 words, excluding the title and key words)*

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| Title: |
| Key words (max 5): |

Research idea:

Word count 2c Research idea:

3. Administrative details

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| General Notes 3. Administrative details |
| Provide only the requested information.  Note that information in section 3 may be used by the assessment committee as context information in the assessment of the criterion “Quality of the researcher”.  We ask you to **make sure that your details in your Mijn ZonMw profile are up to date** (i.e. contact details such as e-mail address and phone number, postal address for full duration of the round, preferred correspondence language, as well as your gender). This information will be used for administrative purposes and will influence policy decisions such as the NWO ex aequo policy. |

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| Explanatory Notes 3b. Doctorate |
| The date of PhD award is the day stated on your doctoral degree.  If this date is not the same as the date of your defence, please use the date you were allowed to use the doctoral title. If there was a gap of more than six months between the defence and the date you are allowed to use the doctoral title, the date of defence applies.  In case you have two doctorates, please include information on both doctorates. The date of the second doctorate is leading for the submission period and reference date. Please include information since completing your first PhD under question 3d and 3e. |

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| Explanatory Notes 3c. Prospective host institution |
| List the institution that has provided the embedding guarantee. Add the department and the specific group (if applicable) where you plan to execute your Vidi project. |

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| Explanatory Notes 3d. Work experience since completing your PhD |
| List your previous and current appointments chronologically; the bottom row should contain your current position. For every appointment: list the dates of the start and end of each appointment. Please indicate the position you have held and currently hold. If you are not a Postdoc, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Full Professor, describe whether the position you hold is outside or within academia. Additionally, indicate the type of contract: whether it was tenured (‘*vast’*) or fixed-term (‘*tijdelijk*’), whether it was full-time or part-time (in FTE), and provide the name of the institution. Insert as many additional rows as needed.  Please indicate the contract type of your current contract and the position you hold. |

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| Explanatory Notes 3e. Net academic research time |
| List the net academic research time since your PhD dissertation, i.e. how long have you actually been able to work in research, after deducting management tasks, education, leave, interruptions and non-scientific work. This time span between receiving your PhD title and the submission of the pre-proposal is your net academic research time, calculated in full-time equivalents (FTE). In the pre-proposal form, you should state this in (full) months. The assessment committee will evaluate your track record of achievements in relation to your net academic age, allowing the assessment committee to make a fair comparison with other applicants.  Do **not** include your calculation in the form, only list the number of net academic research time in months.  **Example**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | PhD dissertation defended | September 2018 | | Deadline for submission of pre-proposal | November 2024 | | **Gross academic age** | **79 months** | | Deductions   * Sick leave * Part-time work * Teaching   Management tasks | 5 months: 100% interruption 5 months deducted  2 yr: 80% of full-time 5 months deducted  2 yr: 50% of full-time 12 months deducted  2 yr: 25% of full-time 6 months deducted | | Total deductions | 28 months | | **Net academic research time** | **51 months** |   Any special circumstances (e.g. due to COVID-19) that account for a reduction in productivity may be mentioned in the box underneath the calculation of months. The maximum word limit for this explanation is 150 words. Likewise for the number of months spent on research, this information will help the assessment committee to interpret your academic achievements and scientific output. |

3a. Master's degree (‘doctoraal’)

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| University/College of Higher Education: |  |
| Main subject: |  |

3b. Doctorate

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| University/College of Higher Education: |  |
| Starting date (dd/mm/yy): | Choose the date |
| Date of PhD award (dd/mm/yy): | Choose the date |
| Supervisor(s) (‘Promotor(en)’): |  |
| Thesis title: |  |

3c. Prospective host institution

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| Host institution: |  |
| Research group: |  |

3d. Work experience since completing your (first) PhD

List your appointments chronologically. The bottom row should contain your current position.

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| Position | Period (date-date) | FTE | Position type  (fixed term/permanent/ tenure‑track/other) | Institution |
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3e. Net. academic research time

Calculate your net academic research time, as described in the notes. Do not include the calculation, only mention the actual number of months.

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| Number of months: |  |

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| If applicable: You may mention special circumstances that account for a reduction in productivity (max. 150 words): |
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Statements by the applicant

Use of extension clause

If you make use of the extension clause, (only) add the date of the confirmation e-mail ([talent@nwo.nl](mailto:talent@nwo.nl)) that the extension was granted. An extension is only necessary if you exceed the year limit on the reference date.

Do you make use of the extension clause?: Yes/No

If yes, the extension was confirmed on: Choose the date

By submitting this form I declare that:

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* *I have completed this form truthfully, and that I satisfy the nationally and internationally accepted standards for scientific conduct as stated in the Netherlands code of conduct for research integrity 2018.*
* *I endorse the code of conduct for laboratory animals and the code of conduct for biosecurity/possibility for dual use of the expected results and will act accordingly, if applicable.*
* *My contact details in Mijn ZonMw profile are up to date (i.e. postal address, phone number, personal details and correspondence language).*
* *I have submitted a completed and signed embedding guarantee.*

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