

**Information Sheet**

**ParkinsonNL Prizes**  
**Best Scientific Publication**  
**and Best Dissertation**

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## ParkinsonNL Talent Programme

One of the K&I Research Programmes of ParkinsonNL is the Talent Programme. With this programme, ParkinsonNL intends to support the building and maintaining of a solid pool of skilled and innovative Parkinson\* researchers in the Netherlands, by

1. Attracting and supporting young talent (PhDs, junior postdocs [max. 3 years after promotion]) to work in the Dutch Parkinson field;
2. Retaining successful researchers (excellent junior postdocs and senior postdocs without a permanent position [max. 5 years after PhD]) for the Dutch Parkinson field so that they can build/expand their own line of research;
3. Stimulating impact-oriented, need-driven and inclusive (participation and diversity) working among Dutch Parkinson researchers.

\* When we speak of Parkinson's, this also includes atypical parkinsonisms, such as Multiple system atrophy (MSA), Progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) and Lewy body dementia (LBD).

## Award ceremony for the prizes

- Annually at the DPS congress in November
- Prize winner gives a presentation at DPS congress of 10 minutes towards the end of the congress.
- Prize is awarded by the Manager Knowledge & Impact of ParkinsonNL

## Communication about the prizes

- ParkinsonNL will communicate about the prizes on her website, newsletters and social media channels, to announce the possibility, deadlines & criteria of submission and to announce the winners and share their story.

## Talent Prizes Committee

- A separate committee (the ParkinsonNL Talent Prizes Committee) will be selecting the prize winners.
- The Talent Prizes Committee consists of at least 5 members. Some of the members are also members of the ParkinsonNL Scientific and/or Societal advisory board (WAR and MAR).

The goals, criteria and selection process for the two ParkinsonNL prizes are described below.

## Prize for Best Scientific Publication

A prize for 'Best Scientific Publication' for PhDs and young Postdocs, awarded during the annual congress of the Dutch Parkinson Scientists (DPS), each year in November, of € 1.000 to be spent freely by the winner(s).

### Submission criteria

- Junior researchers (up to first Postdoc [max. 3 years after PhD\*\*]) working at a Dutch institute at the time of the publication and time of submission
- The applicant is the first author or shared first author of the publication
- In the case of shared first authorship, both authors must fit the criteria of junior researcher and they must submit together. In case they win the prize, they will share the prize money.
- Only one publication per round may be submitted by the (shared) first author
- A person may not submit for both Prizes in the same round

- The publication was accepted in a peer-reviewed scientific journal in the period between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024
- Topic is Parkinson's disease and/or parkinsonism(s)
- The applicant is a member of DPS

*\*\* Junior researchers who are unable to submit within the allotted time period of 3 years can receive an extension if they have completed training as a clinical specialist or can provide evidence that proves they were on maternity leave, parental care leave, care leave, or extended sick leave. Please refer to the Extension Clause for more information (Appendix A).*

### **Submission process**

- Submission to ParkinsonNL, via [research@parkinson.nl](mailto:research@parkinson.nl)
- Submission deadline is 26 August 2024
- Documents to be submitted:
  - PDF of the publication
  - Short Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 A4's)
  - Motivation video of max. 2 minutes, in which the applicant explains why he/she thinks that his/her publication is the best
  - Proof of DPS membership

### **Selection criteria**

- Level of impact of the publication on prevention, cure and care of parkinson(isms) in the (near) future
- Quality of the publication (writing style, readability, visuals, etc.)
- Novelty of the findings

### **Selection process**

- The selection process will only start if there are at least 3 submissions. If there are less than 3 submissions, these submissions will be included for the annual prize the year after.
- ParkinsonNL K&I team checks the application for submission criteria
- ParkinsonNL K&I team sends eligible applications to the Prize Committee for selection
- Selection by the Prize Committee:
  - By use of a pre-set scoring form and scoring system of 1 -5 (1 best and 5 worst)
  - Each committee member scores every application
  - To avoid conflict of interest, co-auteurs of the publication, or persons mentioned in the acknowledgements of the paper, are excluded from scoring that specific publication
  - Each Committee member gives a total score per application
  - The application with the highest mean score of all Committee members together, is selected for the prize
  - If more than one application scores the highest, the scores for the *level of impact* criterium are decisive

## **Prize for Best Dissertation**

A prize for 'Best Dissertation', awarded during the annual conference of the DPS, each year in November, of € 1.000, to be spent freely by the winner.

### **Submission criteria**

- Researchers who have defended their thesis at a Dutch research institute in the period between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024
- The thesis is on Parkinson's disease and/or parkinsonism(s)
- The applicant is a member of DPS
- A person may not submit for both Prizes in the same round

### **Submission process**

- Submission to ParkinsonNL, via [research@parkinson.nl](mailto:research@parkinson.nl)
- Submission deadline is 26 August 2024
- Documents to be submitted:
  - PDF of the thesis
  - Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 A4's)
  - Recommendation letter of the Promotor
  - Motivational video from the PhD student of max. 2 minutes
  - Proof of DPS membership

### **Selection criteria**

- Level of impact of the dissertation and thesis on prevention, cure and care of parkinson(isms) in the (near) future, focussing on impact on patients directly and scientific community as a whole
- Quality of the thesis (writing style, readability, visuals, etc.)
- Novelty of the approach and findings
- Curriculum Vitae of the PhD, focussing on the type of collaborations, transfer of techniques, communication and educational activities (such as giving scientific and non-scientific presentations at congresses, Parkinson cafés, etc., teaching activities, publication in non-scientific journals, social media, etc.)

### **Selection process**

- The selection process will only start if there are at least 3 submissions. If there are less than 3 submissions, these submissions will be included for the annual prize the year after.
- ParkinsonNL K&I team checks the application for submission criteria
- ParkinsonNL K&I team sends eligible applications to the Prize Committee for selection
- Selection by the Prize Committee:
  - By use of a pre-set scoring form and scoring system of 1-5 (1 best and 5 worst)
  - Each committee member scores every application
  - Excluded from reviewing are: Committee members who were involved in the PhD research, support of the PhD student, or a member of the promotion committee, or involved in any other way
  - Each Committee member gives a total score per application
  - The application with the highest mean score of all Committee members together, is selected for the prize
  - If more than one application scores the highest, the scores for the *level of impact* criterium are decisive

## **Disclaimer**

The execution of the ParkinsonNL Prizes process and awarding the prizes are conditional on ParkinsonNL revenues and budgetary means. We explicitly reserve the right to cancel an initiated process, to suspend or extend a running procedure or to lower a prize amount in relation to earlier statements.

## **Contact information**

For questions or remarks please contact us at [research@parkinson.nl](mailto:research@parkinson.nl).

## Appendix A: Extension Clause

The ParkinsonNL prizes have a time limit that specifies until when researchers can apply after obtaining their PhD. This clause provides applicants who are unable to submit a proposal within the allotted time period for the ParkinsonNL Talent Prizes, with the opportunity to receive an extension if they have completed training as a clinical specialist or can provide evidence that proves they were on maternity leave, parental care leave, care leave or extended sick leave. In all cases, the maximum extension is one year.

Before submitting your application, you must contact the ParkinsonNL by email [research@parkinson.nl](mailto:research@parkinson.nl) to request an extension. If you have been granted an extension, you must indicate this on your application form.

The formulae for calculation will be strictly applied in all cases and the outcome is not open for discussion. ParkinsonNL follows the extension clause as formulated by NWO.

### Training as a clinical specialist

Applicants who have completed a course to become a clinical specialist are eligible for an extension of the period. Researchers can apply for an extension on ground of a completed course or a course which will end before the submission deadline. For the complete list of clinical specialisms eligible for the extension scheme we refer you this [NWO webpage](#).

The following rules apply to the determination of the extension:

- The total (aggregated) time spent in training since obtaining the PhD may be added to the one-year period normally allowed, subject to a maximum of one year. The period during which an application may be submitted is therefore no more than two years.
- If the training and scientific research after obtaining the PhD were realised at the same time, for example when someone combined a postdoc and clinical training, then only the training time counts towards the extension.
- An application for an extension of the submission period on the basis of training in a clinical specialism should always be supported by documents from the Personnel Department of the employer that issued the formal reduction in working hours (start date, end date and FTE during this period), along with a final examination of the training or proof of your BIG or KNMG registration.

Fulltime training/research	Parttime training/research
(..) months x 1.0 fte x 1.0 year extension	(..) months x (...) fte x 1.0 year extension

### Maternity leave

Parents can apply for an extension on the grounds of maternity leave and childcare by sending in a parent-declaration form, in which the declares that the child or children are part of his or her household. Please contact us at [research@parkinson.nl](mailto:research@parkinson.nl) for more information.

- Biological mothers who have given birth to one or more children are granted a standard extension of sixteen weeks per child, i.e. the same as the legal period for maternity leave in the Netherlands.
- Other parents (fathers and non-biological mothers) are granted a standard extension of five weeks per child that is part of the applicant's household.

## Parental care leave

In addition to maternity leave, applicants (biological mothers and other parents), can apply for an extension on the grounds of granted parental care leave. Applicants on adoption leave and leave in relation to the arrival of a foster child also fall under the term ‘parental care leave’. Such an extension will be granted only if you can provide evidence that proves that you have taken care leave in the year after obtaining your PhD. The formal reduction in working hours should always be supported by documents from the Personnel Department of your employer.

- The care must have been provided to a child, not older than 12 years, belonging to the same household. The extension is calculated on the formulae in the table below and applies only to the period after you have obtained your PhD.
- Where childcare has been provided to more than one child simultaneously, only that pertaining to the youngest child will qualify for this concession.

	Fulltime care	Parttime care
Children 0 - 4 years of age	(..) year x 1.0 fte x 1.0 year extension	(..) year x (..) fte x 1.0 year extension
Children 5 - 12 years of age	(..) year x 1.0 fte x 0.5 year extension	(..) year x (..) fte x 0.5 year extension

*Example: 2 years' parttime (0.5 fte) care, starting on date obtaining the PhD, in respect of one or more children aged one to three years: 2 years x 0.5 fte care x 1 fte extension = 1 year extension of maximum period between obtaining the PhD and submission of the application.*

## Care leave

An appeal based on care responsibilities only applies to applicants for whom there is, or was a demonstrable registered period of care leave. In the case of care leave for first-degree blood or other relatives, a formal reduction in the working hours is compensated. The formal reduction in working hours should be demonstrated by means of an overview of the leave registration from the Personnel Department of your employer. You can apply for this extension by sending the overview of leave registration to [research@parkinson.nl](mailto:research@parkinson.nl).

## Extended sick leave

In the case of long-term illness, the formal reduction in working hours is compensated. The formal reduction in working hours should be demonstrated by means of an overview of the leave registration from the Personnel Department of your employer. You can apply for this extension by sending this overview of leave registration to [research@parkinson.nl](mailto:research@parkinson.nl).

Fulltime sick leave	Parttime sick leave
<b>(..) months x 1.0 fte x 1 year extension</b>	(..) months x (...) fte x 1 year extension