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Dutch Kidney Foundation

Consortia Program

Consortium Meetings

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Program

Dutch Kidney Foundation (DKF), section Healthcare & Innovation, Consortia Program. Advisory board for this program is the DKF International Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB).

Aim

Strengthening the internal cohesion and collaboration within a consortium, improving consortium impact and promoting dissemination, communication and publicity of consortium results. Providing support for the organisation of Consortium Review Meetings and Symposia.

Who can apply?

The Principal Investigator or Consortium Coordinator of a DKF Consortium.

Consortium Meetings General Information

The DKF distinguishes the following types of meetings within the Consortia Program:

- Midterm and Final Review Meetings
- First/Second and Third/Fourth Year Review Meetings
- Symposia

Midterm and Final Review Meetings

The DKF is responsible for the planning and organisation of the Midterm and Final Review Meetings in collaboration with the consortium.

- The DKF determines the periods in which the Review Meetings take place in line with the Evaluation Plan and in consultation with the consortium.
- The DKF considers the preferred dates for the presence of ISAB members, and sets the final dates for the Review Meetings in consultation with the consortium.
- The majority of all directly involved researchers and personnel of a consortium, DKF representation, the chair of the ISAB and at least two ISAB members shall be present at the Review Meetings. Other invited participants are directly involved advisors.
- Midterm and Final Review Meetings take half a day (4 to 5 hours).
- The consortium is asked to draw up a program. The program includes concise presentations of the overall project and the different work packages with a focus on discussion of the cohesion between the research teams, output (so far), further progress and/or translational outcome and follow-up opportunities.
- The DKF encourages the consortium to increase the value of the review meeting, for instance by inviting external experts to give presentations on a topic related to the consortium project.

First/Second and Third/Fourth Year Review Meetings

The consortium is responsible for the organisation of First/Second and Third/Fourth Year Review Meetings for which support for direct costs can be requested in the separate Consortium Meeting Grant.

- The DKF determines the periods in which the Review Meeting take place in line with the Evaluation plan and in consultation with the consortium.
- The consortium sets the dates for the Review Meetings in consultation with the DKF and the ISAB chair.
- The majority of all directly involved researchers and personnel of a consortium, DKF representation and the chair of the ISAB shall be present. Other invited participants are directly involved advisors.
- A Review Meeting takes half a day or a whole day.
- The consortium provides the program including at least an introduction, presentations of the different work packages, information on further progress and/or follow-up, an overview of the project and a discussion on feedback from the ISAB.
- Review Meeting activities may include presentations by external experts.

- Review Meetings may include a small social program within the budget of the Consortium Meeting Grant.

Symposia

The DKF highly recommends a consortium to organise Symposia for which support for direct costs can be requested in the separate Consortium Meeting Grant.

- The consortium is responsible for the planning and organisation of Symposium, but should keep the DKF well informed.
- Invited participants are all directly involved researchers, personnel and advisors of a consortium, DKF representation and the ISAB chair. The DKF encourages the consortium to open up a symposium to a broader public (e.g. patients having an affinity with scientific research, health care professionals, policy-makers, general public), especially in case of research projects including clinical studies. The DKF can assist in announcing the symposium to a wider audience.
- A Symposium takes up to one day.
- A Symposium activities may include presentations by external experts.

Consortium Meeting Grant Conditions

The DKF General Funding Conditions apply, in addition the following conditions apply.

- The Consortium Meeting Grant awards up to € 3.000 for the organisation of a First/Second or Third/Fourth Year Review Meeting or up to € 6.000 for the organisation of a Symposium.
- A consortium can apply for the Consortium Meeting Grant for the organisation of the First/Second and Third/Fourth Year Review Meetings as agreed in the Evaluation Plan.
- A consortium can apply for the Consortium Meeting Grant for the organisation of a Symposium up to two times throughout the duration of the project as funded by the DKF.
- The Consortium Meeting budget includes expenses for the meeting location, and facilities, hotel and travel costs for advisors and external presenters.
- All expenses are directly proportional to and pertaining to the meeting.
- The meeting is registered using the Consortium Meeting form.
- Payment is on declaration basis.

Procedure

Applications are evaluated by the DKF Program Committee. After the meeting, the applicant shall send the DKF an overview of the expenses and the relevant invoices.

Information

More information can be found on our [website](#). For questions about this call please contact our Secretary Healthcare and Innovation, research@nierstichting.nl or +31(0)35 697 8015.