# ***AMS Rehabilitation & Development***

# **Call for Talent Applications 2025**

This research grant is intended for talented early-career researchers who are in the final phase of their PhD *or* within one year after their PhD defence.

The aim is to maximize the scientific and societal output of ongoing or recently completed research, by supporting activities such as scientific publications, valorisation, innovation or implementation efforts, and to foster the career development of researchers following a successful PhD trajectory.

Proposals must make use of existing research data and may focus on:

* Writing an additional scientific publication not already planned in the PhD thesis.
* Preparing a grant application to pursue follow-up research based on the PhD work.
* Developing implementation strategies, practical tools, or innovations based on research findings to increase impact in rehabilitation practice.

The proposal may include material costs. Please note: This call is *not intended* to fund the completion of PhD dissertations.

**Eligibility Criteria**

* PhD candidate applicants must be in the final phase of their PhD trajectory (i.e. second to last chapter submitted for publication).
* Post-doc applicants are eligible to submit within one year after their thesis defense.
* Projects must be clearly embedded within the Rehabilitation and Development research program of Amsterdam Movement Sciences Research Institute (AMS).
* Each project must be supervised by at least two supervisors, with at least one affiliated with Amsterdam UMC.
* The applicant must be correctly affiliated with AMS ‘Rehabilitation and Development’ in the PURE output registration system.

**Requirements**

* The proposal must include a brief description of:
	+ The scientific project or activity to be funded (i.e. paper or grant).
	+ The added value for the AMS Rehabilitation and Development research program.
	+ A timeline for completion.
	+ The potential for valorisation or practical implementation (if applicable).
* Budget: up to €20,000. The funds should be booked to a project number in the calendar year 2025 (before December 15, 2025). A letter from the Department Head or budget responsible should be submitted with details on expenditure/payment.
* Researchers are encouraged to consider how their proposed activities may contribute to societal impact, for example through valorisation, practical implementation of research findings, or longer-term contributions to innovation and clinical practice. AMS’ knowledge and innovation network *RehabNet Amsterdam* may serve as a supportive platform for such efforts.

**Application & Review**

* The call is open for submissions until **August 31, 2025, 10 am.**
* Applications will first be checked according to the submission requirements;
* Eligible applicationsbe reviewed by the AMS Rehabilitation and Development program board based on:
	+ Scientific quality;
	+ Relevance;
	+ Feasibility;
	+ Fit with the Rehabilitation and Development research program;
	+ Potential for societal impact, valorisation or innovation (if applicable);
* Applicants will be notified of the outcome within 2 weeks after submission via email.

**1. Application form**

Where will the applicant be appointed? *Amsterdam UMC, location AMC / Amsterdam UMC, location Vumc / VU, BW or BETA* (delete as appropriate).

In which *department* will the research take place/the candidate be appointed?

**2. Details applicant** (add CV max. 2 pp.)

Surname and initials:

Given name:

Email:

PhD candidate / Post-doc researcher (delete as appropriate)

(Working) title PhD project:

Date of PhD defense (if post-doc applicant):

PhD start and (expected) end date (contract and thesis defense):

Affiliation: faculty and department:

Supporting AMS Supervisors:

**3a. Title of application:**

**3b. Starting date and duration:**

**3c. Short summary (max. 250 words)**

**4. Description of the proposed project**

(max 1 A4 / font size 11); background and justification, aims and objectives, methods, statistical analysis plan (if apllicable), work plan, time schedule and expected new insights).

**5. What is the relevance for the candidate, the supervising department, the institute and the research program?** (max ½ A4 / font 11)

**6. Applicant’s motivation** (max ½ A4 / font 11)

**7. Budget Specification**

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| **Estimated total costs** | **Description** | **€** |
| Personnel costs (please specify) |  |  |
| Material costs (please specify)  |  |  |
| Other, please specify |  |  |
| **Requested amount:**  |  |  |
|  | *Grant: Max €20.000*  |  |

**Note:** If the total project budget exceeds the maximum grant amount, attach letter detailing additional finance.

Is the application also submitted elsewhere? Yes / No. If yes, indicate where:

**8. Compulsory supporting documents**

1. AMS Supervisor(s) support letter (max 1 A4);
2. Letter from the Department Head or budget responsible with details on expenditure/payment.
3. For PhD candidate applicants: Updated Thesis Training and Support Plan / PhD plan with chapter listing and status of publications.

**FINAL NOTE:** The application should be uploaded to <https://forms.gle/WN8JmqvMa1QDAHWs8> **as one PDF.** Applications that do not meet the criteria will not be taken into consideration.