

# Cancer Center Amsterdam call 2023 ‘Connecting Cancer Care and Research’

This program is made available through the Stichting Cancer Center Amsterdam and aimed to stimulate innovative research at the Cancer Center Amsterdam. Amsterdam UMC cancer research projects ranging from translational to clinical and quality of life projects can be submitted.

## Goal:

- To stimulate early career researchers with highly innovative ideas. The projects must be innovative with high potential and not ready to submit for funding elsewhere. The ultimate goal is to obtain enough data to submit the project to regular funders, like KWF.
- To stimulate both pre-clinical, clinical and QoL innovation.

## What can be applied for?

Research projects for 1 or 2 years.

Budget can be requested for personnel costs (no PhD students) and materials. The maximum budget is €87,500 for an 1-year project and €175,000 for a 2-year project (the budget includes personnel and materials).

## What are the conditions for Cancer Center Amsterdam research proposals?

- Each researcher can submit only one project as first applicant.
- The first applicant must hold a PhD title at the start of the project and must be within 10 years after completion of his/her PhD. (the NWO VIDI/VICI rules for extension will be applied; max. 5 years extension for parenthood, training as medical specialist, care or medical leave).
- The first applicant as well as the personnel working on the project must be employed at Amsterdam UMC at the start of the project.
- Attracting researchers using a Cancer Center Amsterdam grant is possible but they need to fulfill the criteria described above and be prime applicant.
- Researchers and group leaders can support multiple proposals as 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> applicant.
- Research must obviously be within the oncology domain and be aligned with the research lines or patient groups of Cancer Center Amsterdam.
- Phase III clinical studies require Quality of Life assessment.
- If METC or CCD approval is necessary for your study, it is advisable to obtain the approval as soon as possible. Funding will only start when this approval is given.

## Procedure Cancer Center Amsterdam call 2023

- Projects will be evaluated in 2 steps. First round is a pre-application in which the highest scoring projects will be selected for the full proposal phase. The second round involves full proposals, an internal review and a short interview of the prime applicant with the respective committee.
- Projects will fall into 2 categories; pre-clinical and clinical/QoL and will be evaluated by 2 separate dedicated committees.
- Pre-clinical projects will be scored on innovation, translation capacity, feasibility and fitness to Cancer Center Amsterdam .
- Clinical projects will be scored on innovation, clinical impact and feasibility, including fitness to Cancer Center Amsterdam patient population.
- Final ranking will be made based on the review reports, ratings and the interview.

## Important dates for Cancer Center Amsterdam call 2023

Deadline pre-proposals: **August 30<sup>th</sup>, 23:59, 2023**  
Deadline complete project proposals: **October 29<sup>th</sup>, 23:59, 2023**

- Only applications that are submitted in the correct format will be reviewed (max. 2 A4 pages, font arial 10).
- The pre-proposals will be reviewed by the Cancer Center Amsterdam committee. Candidates of the best ranked pre-proposals are allowed to write a complete project proposal (deadline October 30, maximum 6 pages, font arial 10).