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Amsterdam UMC Young Talent Fund 2026

Instructions and guideline for
application, selection and feedback

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1. The Amsterdam UMC Young Talent Fund

The Amsterdam UMC wants the very best young talents to have a chance to further develop and improve themselves. They can reach the top in scientific research by improving their confidence, knowledge, ambition and creativity, by looking beyond the borders.

Effectuating this wish, the former AMC Foundation created in 2012 the AMC Young Talent Fund. In 2020 the name was changed to Amsterdam UMC Young Talent Fund and the Fund was opened to all PhD students of Amsterdam UMC. The Amsterdam UMC Young Talent Fund enables young excellent researchers in the early stages of the PhD to do a research traineeship or follow courses at one of the top international research institutes. Each year several grants will be awarded. Since the start of the fund in 2012, more than a hundred PhD candidates have been awarded a scholarship. One of the grants is enabled by the Louise Gunning Public Health Study Fund.

Louise Gunning Public Health Study Fund

The Louise Gunning Public Health Study Fund is part of The Amsterdam UMC Young Talent Fund. This specific Fund was raised at the occasion of the official farewell of Louise Gunning as dean of the Amsterdam Medical Centre of the University of Amsterdam in September 2010. The AMC foundation administers this Fund and following this example The AMC Young Talent Fund is developed.

Each year, one of the grants will be specifically awarded from the Louise Gunning Public Health Study Fund. Its goal is to enable a young Amsterdam UMC researcher to follow a course or summer school in the field of Public Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, USA.



2. Applying and important information

Deadline

The application deadline for the 2027 round is **Friday October 2nd 2026**, at 23:59 hours. The application form has to be fully completed (in English) and signed by the applicant and their supervisor.

The applicant

The applicants are excellent PhD candidates, registered at the Amsterdam UMC Doctoral School, in approximately the first half of the PhD.

Period

The minimum duration of the course or research traineeship period is 2 weeks.

Budget

The maximum grant is €5.000. Costs of course fee, travel (including local travel and transfer), lodging will be completely funded. The costs of living, such as food, drinks and personal expenses are excluded from funding.

Funding

Amsterdam UMC Foundation will give all scholarship winners the opportunity to raise extra funds for the expenses that are not reimbursed by this grant.

Cost estimate

An estimate of the total expected costs must be included within the application form. The grant will be based on this estimate. Please be aware that the payments will be based on the actual costs.

Final grant

The final grant will be awarded under the condition of acceptance or subscription to the program. A maximum of 90% of the estimated costs can be paid as an advance. The final payment of the grant will be based on actual costs.

Extending the trip

In case of any plans to extend the trip, for example a vacation, the PhD candidate has to inform the Executive Office in advance about their plans.

Application

Only complete and correct applications will be accepted. Applications are sent to the Doctoral School, signed and scanned as pdf:

Amsterdam UMC Doctoral School

doctoralschool@amsterdamumc.nl

020 - 566 3108



3. Selection

The rating of the applicants will be made by a selection committee. The committee consists of renowned researchers and MD's from Amsterdam UMC. The selection committee will send the ranking and their proposal to the Board of the Amsterdam UMC Foundation, who will make the final selection. This year the maximum number of awarded grants will be 10.

Criteria

Rating will be equally based on five criteria:

1. The current CV of the applicant considering the actual phase in the PhD trajectory.
2. The proposal itself. This is about the quality and the importance of the course or training for your PhD trajectory. Both courses and hands-on training can be part of the plan. Explain why the course or training has to take place at this specific institute. The committee will also consider the degree of excellence of the chosen research institute.
3. How does this plan fit in your PhD trajectory?
4. How does this plan fit in your own scientific career?
5. What are the benefits for Amsterdam UMC. Is the knowledge and experience unique and transferable

Please note that this fund is meant for PhD candidates early on in their PhD (approximately the first half). Additionally, this fund is not meant to visit a promotor or co-promotor at an organisation abroad, as this should be part of the PhD project itself.

Application form

The maximum number of words for the summary of the research project (100 words) and the training plan and motivation (500 words), may not be exceeded. Do not add appendices.

Procedure

The application form will be reviewed by the selection committee.

Letter of recommendation

A letter of recommendation is not needed, but do make sure the supervisor signs the application form.

Information

For information, please contact the Doctoral School via doctoralschool@amsterdamumc.nl.

Notification

The decision of the board of Amsterdam UMC Foundation will be communicated to all applicants at the first weeks of December 2026.

Awarding

The Amsterdam UMC Young Talent Fund Grants 2027 will be awarded in December 2026. Further details will be sent to all applicants in due time.

4. Procedure after selection

The Amsterdam UMC Foundation will inform you by letter about the maximum awarded amount of the scholarship.

In case of any unforeseen circumstances before or during the stay abroad, of influence to the scholarship or the budget, it is mandatory to contact the AMC Foundation immediately.



5. Report of your experiences

Within two weeks after the end of your study trip you hand in a short report (max. 2 A4) with a discussion of your experiences. With this report you'll include possible certificates or other documentation as proof of your attendance, and a few pictures of your stay abroad.

Your report is an important element for the Amsterdam UMC Young Talent Fund, as it is used as feedback for the donors. This often results in repeated donations and it also can be used for new fundraising. Discuss in your report:

- Institute, period and followed programs.
- Why you have applied for the grant.
- What added value and greatest lessons came from this experience.
- Why it is so important to gain experience at another institution.
- The good experiences, surprising elements or unexpected results.
- Send your report to: foundation@amsterdamumc.nl

You can find a small selection of examples on the website of the Doctoral School.



6. Finance

The final grant will be based on the actual costs. Remittance of the grant will take place in two parts. Before visiting the institute you may receive an advance of 90% of the grant. This enables you to make the payments necessary for your stay. Within two weeks after the end of your study trip, you will hand in your statement of expenses and financial settlement (invoices, certificate) and the report of your experiences (as mentioned in paragraph 5). After approval, you will receive the additional 10%, based on actual costs.

To be eligible for reimbursement of the costs take care of your administration and make sure you can provide the following documents:

- A confirmation of the airline regarding the ticket costs
- A (copy) of the signed rental agreement by both parties with a review of the monthly costs
- An invoice or confirmation of the hotel with the arrival and departure dates and costs for the stay
- A confirmation from the institute regarding the visit
- A certificate of registration for participation in the course
- An invoice or statement regarding the course fee
- Bank or credit card statements showing all costs are paid by applicant

All confirmations or invoices must be in name of the applicant. Without additional bank or credit card statements the Amsterdam UMC Foundation cannot reimburse any costs.