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Behavioural and
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BCN seed grants 2023 – Send your application before October 1st!!

BCN provides research projects and training for MSc and PhD students in an interdisciplinary environment in order to nurture highly capable *T shaped researchers.* This refers to scientists who are specialised and knowledgeable in their own field (the leg of the T), and at the same time integrated in broader interdisciplinary collaborations to enable novel connections and ideas (the horizontal part).

To further stimulate interdisciplinary skills and collaborations for early career researchers (i.e., MSc-students, PhD-students, post-docs, and other scientific staff within the first ten years after having received their PhD), BCN awards a number of seed grants every year. These BCN seed grants, with a maximum of 10.000 euro each, are awarded **to stimulate new interdisciplinary projects and ideas**, with the aim to facilitate long lasting interdisciplinary collaborations leading to further interdisciplinary grant applications and/or PhD trajectories. The seed grant program is financed by the BCN Office (Medical Faculty), with a current budget for 2023 of 30K euros.

Project description and criteria:
- The project should be written by early career researchers. These applicants should **not** be affiliated to the same BCN associated faculties. So, at least 2 different BCN associated faculties should be involved in the project proposal.
- Applicants should be involved in BCN through either the ReMa, Graduate School, or as BCN members.
- The topic of the proposed project should concern "Neuroscience and cognition", and should aim to bridge interests from the different researchers/research groups involved in the project.
- The BCN seed grant can be used to cover the salary, travel costs, lab work or equipment to enable a pilot study or a small research project fitting the above goals.
- Note that the BCN seed grant is *not* meant for financing ongoing projects, (e.g., salary of current PhD students) or open access publications.

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- Applicants should write a proposal (with a maximum of 3 pages A4 (font size 10, including references) containing:
  - title
  - aim of the project
  - applicant information, including affiliations and career level
  - short description of the project (research question, objectives, workplan) (500 words max)
  - interdisciplinary aspects (150 words max)
  - fit to BCN objectives (150 words max)
  - innovative aspects (150 words max)
  - description of open science practices (if applicable; 100 words max),
  - budget, time planning and its justification (150 words max)
  - Explanation why BCN-seed funding is needed for this collaboration
  - perspectives for further funding (150 words max)
  - expected output in terms of publications and outreach (100 words max).
- A short CV (max 1 page each) from all applicants should also be attached to the proposal

Deadline for submission is before October 1st 2023. Please send all corresponding documents to e.t.kuiper-drenth@umcg.nl

A selection committee with BCN faculty will evaluate all proposals and select those for awarding the grant before November 1st 2023.

For BCN researchers see: https://www.rug.nl/research/behavioural-cognitive-neurosciences/research/researchinstitutes or check with e.t.kuiper-drenth@umcg.nl