

Donders-WIN Mobility Exchange Programme

The Donders Institute (DI) and the Western Institute for Neuroscience (WIN) are pleased to announce their third internal call for proposals to support the exchange of PhD candidates and postdoctoral fellows (PDF) for collaborative research visits, to be performed during the duration of their training or employment.

The funding, secured primarily by the DI through the Erasmus+ Programme, is intended to allow trainees to gain international research experience and extend their skillset, and to help establish new collaborative research programs between PIs at both institutes. You can find associated researchers via [Research at WIN](#) or [Research at Donders Institute](#).

Visits must at minimum be 5 days, and can be funded up to 14-days in a period from now until July 31st 2026; longer visits are possible but require co-funding. Applications for visits where a source of co-funding or additional funding has already been secured will be prioritized.

Grants may be awarded up to the cost of the flight (up to €1180/\$1700) and a living allowance (max €190/\$280 day), following the guidelines of the Erasmus program.

Applications must include:

1. Individual background details, including contract duration and stage of training
2. A statement outlining the overall objectives of the training, the research activities to be carried out during the visit and expected outcomes and impact. The statement should also include details on the added value of the mobility, for DI and WIN, and for the applicant (max 2 pages, 12 points times new roman, line space 1.5)
3. Start and end date of the intended visit.
4. Estimation of the costs, including details of any other available sources of funding.
5. Curriculum vitae (max 1 page; e.g. NIH Biosketch format);
6. Two letters of support of both the sending and hosting PIs with whom the collaboration will be established (max 1 page).

Only one application per trainee is permitted. Applications should be sent as a single pdf document containing all the required documents. **Application deadline is April 1st, 2025.** The funding must be spent before 1 July 2026, and before the end of the trainee's contract or graduate tenure. Following the completion of the exchange, successful applicants, working with the respective PIs at each institution, will provide a short report detailing research outcomes and future plans for the collaboration.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of members of DI and WIN who will rank them in terms of research project, feasibility, research and training goals, motivation, CV, career development, novelty of the collaboration, and benefit for DI-WIN partnership.

Deadline of the full application is April 1st, 2025, to be sent to gradschool@donders.ru.nl. The results of this competition are expected to be announced at the end of April.

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