

Criteria Marina van Damme grant 2024

Introduction

The Marina van Damme grant will be awarded again in 2024 by University Fund Wageningen (UFW). The objective of the Marina van Damme fund is to support talented female alumni of Wageningen University & Research (WUR) in a next step or at a turning point in their professional careers.

The grant

The grant consists of an amount of 9,000 euros and is intended for the extension or broadening of knowledge or for an international orientation in the form of a study or internship.

Conditions for participation

You can register yourself for the Marina van Damme grant or notify other women to nominate themselves. Of course, you have to meet the assessment criteria and you need to submit a plan showing developments you have experienced since graduating, including Curriculum Vitae, what your ambition and motivation are, what steps you intend to take for this and how you would like to use the grant for that purpose. This plan must be drawn up by the candidate herself.

The jury uses the following assessment criteria:

- Candidates must have obtained a **technical master's degree** or **technical PhD** at WUR (excluding Social Sciences and Leisure)
- The application shows the impact on the personal development of the candidate (it must be an innovative and / or cross-disciplinary step or turning point in their career, or towards a strong international orientation that is achieved by working together with one or more prominent foreign institutions).
- The grant is for women with a built-up professional career (at least four years of experience)
- The application is feasible
- The application is realized at a recognized educational or research institute or company
- The application must clearly state the necessity of the grant for the realization of the professional track
- The application must show how the candidate continues to build on her previous educational track
- It is an advantage if you fulfil an example function
- Preferably, the parents of the candidate do not hold an academic title (do not have a master's degree, or comparable)

NB: It is permitted, and it can even support the nomination, that an applicant receives additional funding from other funds. Therefore, it is desirable and advisable to mention explicitly additional funding in the application.

The grant is explicitly not intended to (co) finance a PhD project or to finance equipment or materials. Applications aimed at an educational track or courses at the same university where the master's degree or a PhD was obtained will not be accepted. You are not eligible if you already have obtained a VIDI scholarship or if you are in Tenure Track.

Registration

With your application, please send the following three documents:

1. Plan of Action
2. Planning and Budget
3. Curriculum Vitae

Your Plan of Action may not exceed three pages and must include:

- A short description of your career so far
- A brief description of the intended step or turning point in the professional track of the candidate and the importance with regard to the personal development
- A brief explanation of how the grant will be used to take the intended step or turn
- A letter of recommendation / letter of admission by a professor or institute where the degree programme will be followed
- A description of any applications with other funds for this same plan
- Own statement if your parents hold an academic title or not.

The follow-up procedure

All nominations will be judged by a jury. Depending on the number of applications, the jury may invite a small number of women to present their plan. The winner of the grant will have four years to implement her plan. Exceptional situations are being discussed by University Fund Wageningen (UFW) in consultation with Ms. van Damme or a representative of the Van Damme network. UFW will monitor you in the progress of your plan.

Deadline

Submit a nomination before 30 June 2024, 23:59 hrs.

These criteria have been established by the board of Foundation University Fund Wageningen and the jury Marina van Damme grant 2024