

LNVH Advancing Women in Biology Grant 2025 – Rules and Conditions

The grant

The LNVH Advancing Women in Biology Grant is intended for travelling to and staying at a research site abroad in order to cooperate with a senior researcher. The Dutch Network of Women Professors (LNVH) has founded the fund upon the request and kind donations of prof. dr. Charlotte Hemelrijk, emeritus professor of self-organization in social systems at the Institute of GELIFES of the University of Groningen, to stimulate the career of women PhD students working in biology to the higher echelons of academia. The maximum amount for a grant is 2500 euro, to be spent in the academic year 2025/2026.

The candidate

The PhD candidate is working in the field of Biology and is affiliated with a Dutch university or research institution. The grant is intended for researchers working in the field of biology focusing on the fundamental principles, processes and behaviour of living organisms, including research in the fields of self-organisation, collective behaviour, behavioural biology, endocrinology and behaviour, ecology, evolutionary biology, genetics, microbiology, botany, zoology, and related disciplines.

The candidate should not have exceeded 4 years of working as a PhD candidate at the time of the planned journey. This term can be extended by a period of 18 months per child, due to pregnancy and birth, or by a period of at most 18 months, compensating for the necessary care given to family members. Other relevant circumstances for extending the 4-year term will be taken in consideration as well. Applicability of the extension clause is evaluated individually for each application.

Conditions

- The grant is intended for journeys relevant to the candidate's field of research, such as visiting a foreign scientific institution or field or archive research.
- The candidate can submit a budget for travel-related costs and costs for stay, up to a maximum of 2500 euro.
- The candidate is obliged to take out a travel insurance, at least covering cancellation. Costs of insurance should be included in the grant. If the situation arises, costs that are not covered by the insurance can be passed on to the candidate. This will be evaluated for each individual case.
- On return, candidates need to submit a short record of expenses made (i.e. plane tickets, lodgings etc.).
- After using the grant, candidates are asked to provide a testimonial and a short video to the LNVH, about the contents of their research and the specific outcome due to the grant. This material will be made available via the LNVH website and social media channels.

Judging criteria

The board members of the LNVH will judge each application regarding its research purpose and relevance for the candidate's research and career.

How to apply

Candidates can apply for a travel grant by filling in the application form. This form can be downloaded from the LNVH website (<https://www.lnvh.nl/advancing-women-in-biology>). For more information, contact the LNVH at info@lnvh.nl – 030 600 1361.

Timeline

Deadline for submitting applications: **December 15, 2025**

Announcement of allocations: **Beginning of February, 2026**