Call – Child Health and Dynamics of Youth Booster grant

Open 3 October 2022 until 14 November 2022 | Results announced December 2022

The Child Health Program of the UMC Utrecht is an integrated framework for child-centered interdisciplinary research, aligning patients, clinicians, investigators, and resources, so that we can lead by filling significant gaps to improve the lives of children during childhood and thereafter. The program stimulates interdisciplinary research with a lifespan perspective.

Dynamics of Youth is one of the four strategic themes of Utrecht University. Dynamics of Youth invests in our future. Inspired by societal issues, researchers from different disciplines integrate their expertise to answer crucial questions regarding youth development and future generations. For example, how does the interplay between biology and environment determine how children learn to function in society?

In recent years, important steps have been taken towards increased cooperation between Child Health and Dynamics of Youth. Vision, mission, and strategic goals are streamlined, and shared goals were set. In the coming period, we want to further strengthen our cooperation, among others by launching joint booster grants. The booster grants support, increase or amplify the effectiveness, power, and strengths of collaborations across the UMCU and UU. The booster grants will be opened annually, with the first call this year on October 3rd.

Aim

- With the booster grants, Child Health and Dynamics of Youth intent to encourage and improve cooperation. The grants are an incentive to drive both programs forward and to encourage people to collaborate in our efforts to connect science and society.
- The Child Health & Dynamics of Youth booster grants facilitate:
  - Interdisciplinary research, connecting researchers from Child Health and Dynamics of Youth
  - Research utilizing data, tools, and methods already available and certified (including replication studies)
- The proposal must aim to contribute to the mission and vision of Child Health and Dynamics of Youth and strengthen the connection between these communities.
- Booster grants can e.g., be used for start-up studies or as pilot study for further grant opportunities.

Criteria

Proposal related criteria

- The proposed project must involve new collaborations, with at least one researcher from Child Health and one researcher from Dynamics of Youth.
- The application form cannot exceed a maximum of 5 pages addressing the following topics:
  - Project description, including theoretical rationale and key objectives and goals
Why now? What makes that the timing is right for your project?
How will the project contribute to the mission and vision of Child Health and Dynamics of Youth, specifically to the impact areas
Sustainability and embedding of the proposal
How does your project fit into existing efforts and add value?
Budget and timeline/planning
- The duration of the project should be one year at maximum
- Starting by the end of January 2023 the latest
- Ending date no later than January 2024 (NOTE: all financial declarations should be completed by the end of December 2023)

The proposed project must revitalize existing data and/or other resources; Use of existing resources, tools, or methods, which convincingly profit from an interdisciplinary collaboration.

Budget related criteria
- The maximum budget for each proposal is 15,000 euros. Each year, a maximum of 3 proposals can be accepted for funding.
- A simple budget specification form must be filled out and signed by the project controller of your department.

Procedure
- Completed and signed application form + budget specification form can be submitted via DoY-Secr@uu.nl.
- Deadline for submission: 14 November 2022, 5.00 p.m.
- Submitted applications are reviewed after the deadline. Applications will be evaluated by the Booster Grant committee, composed of members from the program committees of Child Health and Dynamics of Youth. The committee will prioritize new research ideas to ideas submitted elsewhere.
- We aim to notify applicants within 4-6 weeks after the closing date.

For any questions, please contact Carolien Huizinga or Jacobine Buizer, via C.S.M.Huizinga@umcutrecht.nl or J.E.Buizer-Voskamp@uu.nl.

1 We defined four impact areas it wishes to contribute to:
1) Research impact: Contribute to advancing understanding and advancing scientific method, theory, and application across and within disciplines by conducting and supporting excellent, robust, and FAIR research on youth development
2) Societal impact: Contribute to solving societal challenges in the field of youth development
3) Capacity building: Increase professional skills and qualifications of students, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners in the field of youth development, thereby also contributing to a changing sector that recognizes and rewards talent in research, societal impact, knowledge exchange and education
4) Sustainability: Promote the sustainability of existing research, activities, and investments (e.g., FAIRification, strengthening existing research, activities, and investments, like sustainable collaborations). But also increase visibility; by strengthening coordinating mechanisms and expanding networks, we increase the sustainability and scalability of our activities and create opportunities for connection and innovation.