

FWO-NWO Weave Pilot Call

2024/2025

In 2024-2025 the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) and the Dutch Research Council (NWO), more precisely the **NWO Domain Science (ENW)**, will start a **pilot call phase according to the Weave principles** with the aim to foster Flemish-Dutch cooperation in knowledge and curiosity-driven fundamental research in the **Natural Sciences and Life Sciences**.

Type of project

Weave is not a new, separate funding programme. It makes use of existing funding channels for fundamental research (with the corresponding timelines and conditions) of the Weave partners:

- FWO opens up its [Junior and Senior Research projects for fundamental research programme](#)
- NWO opens up its [Open Competition ENW-M programme](#)

This pilot phase is only open for **bilateral Flemish-Dutch** joint proposals, submitted **in English**, with a duration of **max. 4 years**. Trilateral proposals, involving another funding agency than FWO and NWO, are not allowed in this pilot phase.

Important: The pilot will be organized by the FWO and the NWO Domain Science (ENW). Joint proposals may only be submitted if they fall within the fields of earth sciences, astronomy, chemistry, computer science, life sciences, physics and mathematics. **Therefore, proposals falling within the scope of the following FWO expert panels are not eligible:**

- All expert panels within Humanities ([CULT1](#) / [CULT2](#) / [CULT3](#) / [CULT4](#) / [CULT5](#))
- All expert panels within Social Sciences ([G&M1](#) / [G&M2](#) / [G&M3](#) / [G&M4](#))
- Expert panels [MED8](#) and [MED9](#)
- Expert panels [W&T7](#) en [W&T9](#)
- [Specific Interdisciplinary Panel](#)

In case of doubts on the content-wise eligibility of your joint proposal, please make sure to contact well in advance one of the following NWO programme officers:

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Submission procedure and timing

It is a **free choice** of the researchers where they wish to submit their joint proposal:

- **Submit to NWO: NWO becomes the Lead Agency** (*FWO as Partner Agency*)
Although the NWO Open Competition ENW-M call will already be launched in Summer 2024, submission of joint Flemish-Dutch proposals is only possible during a defined period of time: **1st of December 2024 – 28th of February 2025 (14:00 CET)**.

Please note that:

- In addition to the submission to NWO as Lead Agency, the **Flemish supervisor-spokesperson needs to do an obligatory administrative submission to the FWO through the E-portal**, using the specific application form '*Research project WEAVE (FWO acts as Partner Agency)*', **no later than 7 calendar days** after submission of the complete research proposal to NWO as Lead. Important: in the tab 'project' you must upload the **complete and identical** application with all **attachments** (not only the project description) as submitted to the NWO as Lead Agency (PDF format). Furthermore, **make sure that each applicant involved at Flemish and Dutch sides as well as the requested Flemish budget submitted to the NWO as Lead Agency are identical** to what is being submitted to the FWO in the administrative submission.
 - Successful projects will start at FWO side on the **1st of January 2026**.
 - For more information, see this website [FWO as Partner Agency](#).
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Submission of joint Flemish-Dutch proposals is possible from the launch of the FWO call for jr./sr. research projects fundamental research: **mid-January 2025 – 1st of April 2025 (17:00 CEST)**.

Please note that:

- In addition to the submission to FWO as Lead Agency, the **Dutch main applicant needs to do an obligatory administrative submission to the NWO through the ISAAC system**, **no later than 5 working days** after submission of the complete research proposal to FWO as Lead. Important: you must upload the **complete and identical** application with all **attachments** (not only the project description) as submitted to the FWO as Lead Agency. Furthermore, **make sure that each applicant involved at Flemish and Dutch sides as well as the requested Dutch budget submitted to the FWO as Lead Agency are identical** to what is being submitted to the NWO in the administrative submission.
- Successful projects will start at FWO side on the **1st of January 2026**.
- For more information, see this website [FWO as Lead Agency](#).

Applicants

At Dutch (NWO) side, **only one scientific position** can be applied for. Please see the NWO Open Competition ENW-M call for proposals which will be available from mid July 2024. At Flemish (FWO) side, besides the supervisor-spokesperson (the main applicant at FWO side) **there can be more researchers involved** (eg. additional supervisors and/or co-supervisors) **affiliated to different research institutions**, depending on the formal role they will fulfill and their added value and necessity for the proposed project and always in line with the [Regulations of the Research Foundation – Flanders governing fundamental research projects](#).

Requested funding

Each researcher/research group needs to follow the rules and regulations **of its own funding agency**, including the budget conditions:

- Researchers in Flanders need to respect all rules and conditions of the [FWO research projects for fundamental research](#):
 - **FWO staff and consumables**: at least € 50,000 per year for the entire project (all Flemish, (Belgian) federal and Dutch institutions included) and at most € 145,000 per year per Flemish/(Belgian) federal institution.
 - **FWO equipment**: maximum € 150,000 per project (all Flemish and (Belgian) federal institutions included).
- Researchers in the Netherlands need to respect all rules and conditions of the NWO Open Competition ENW-M programme, Call for Proposals will be available [here](#) mid-July 2024.

For more questions, please don't hesitate to contact weave@fwo.be or enw-m@nwo.nl .

Relevant websites

- General Weave website: [Weave – Research funding without borders \(weave-research.net\)](https://www.weave-research.net)
- FWO as Lead website: <https://www.fwo.be/en/support-programmes/all-calls/senior-researchersresearch-teams/weave-fwo-lead/>
- FWO as Partner website: <https://www.fwo.be/en/support-programmes/all-calls/senior-researchersresearch-teams/weave-fwo-partner/>
- NWO Weave website: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-enw/weave-research-funding-for-international-collaboration>