



NATIONAL ANNEX OF THE NETHERLANDS FOR THE ASTRONET FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

COMMON TOOLS FOR FUTURE LARGE SUB-MILLIMETER FACILITIES

• Introduction

NWO - Physical Sciences supports the ASTRONET First Call for Proposals for "Common tools for Future large sub-millimeter facilities" and encourages its astronomical research community to apply for funding for collaborative research in Europe. NWO has the ambition to stimulate synergy, focus and international collaboration, on the basis of excellent research, in the area of astronomical research. Moreover NWO-Physical Sciences subscribes to the ambition of the European Commission to realise a European Research Area. This National Annex is an annex to the ASTRONET First Call for Proposals and applies to (co-)applicants who perform their research activities in the Netherlands.

• Eligibility of Applicants

NWO - Physical Sciences will fund the Dutch part of any successful transnational collaboration, within the reach of the available budget. All tenure (track) researchers of Dutch universities and selected Dutch institutes under the standard NWO rules are eligible to apply, as described in "Regeling subsidieverlening NWO" (available at www.nwo.nl, under 'Subsidiewijzer / Subsidy Guide - Subsidieregeling / General Terms').

• Type and amount of funding possible

The total available funding in this call for all researchers based in the Netherlands is €500.000. Funding can be awarded to cover all reasonable costs (like cost for personnel, travel, equipment and consumables) for the duration of the project with a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 years. Only the personnel costs of a PhD-student can be funded for 4 years. The total costs of the Dutch part of an awarded grant will not exceed € 250.000.

Personnel costs

The VSNU standard tariffs for personnel costs apply. Details of these tariffs are available at www.nwo.nl (under 'Subsidiewijzer - Subsidieregeling - Vergoedingen NWO'). As an indication, in 2007 the tariffs were:

- PhD student: ~ k€ 177 (4 years)
- Postdoc: ~ k€ 115 (2 years), ~ k€ 175 (3 years)
- Technician (HBO): ~ k€ 51 (1 year), ~ k€ 103 (2 years), ~ k€ 157 (3 years)

Furthermore, for PhD students and Postdocs an additional benchfee will be added. The benchfee amounts to:

- PhD students and Postdocs (≥ 2 years): € 5.000

Equipment and consumables

Expenses for project related equipment and consumables can be budgeted between k€ 5 and a maximum of k€ 50 (including VAT) per national sub-project. Equipment/software below this limit are considered to be the financial contribution of the university or institute to the research project. These costs will not be remunerated.



Other costs

Funding for other costs, like travel expenses of the researchers active in the project, may be requested. The costs for the participation of one team-member per organization to the final workshop should be included in the requested budget. Costs of supervision, housing, depreciation of existing equipment, etc., are considered to be the financial contribution of the university or institute to the research project. These costs will not be remunerated. Furthermore, NWO will not fund private industrial partners nor personnel costs of permanent staff.

• **Application Process**

Applicants who are working in the Netherlands can submit their application via the ASTRONET website <http://www.astronet-eu.org/Joint-call-for-proposals>. They do not need to send additional forms to the NWO Office. The Executive Board of the NWO Physical Sciences Division makes the final decision on the granting of the proposals concerning researchers who are affiliated to organisations in the Netherlands, based on the advice of the ASTRONET Joint Call Board.

• **Important dates for Applicants**

Proposal submission deadline	15th April 2008, 23.59 CEST
Jury reports to the project coordinators	1st July 2008
Rebuttal submission deadline	15th July 2008
Notification to the project coordinators	December 2008 / January 2009
Start of the projects	≥ January 2009

• **Other provisions or requirements**

On grants funded by NWO the rules and regulations of "Regeling subsidieverlening NWO" will apply. Where applicable, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) should be handled according to special agreements to be negotiated between the funding agencies and the awarded applicants. If any successful applicant is funded by industry, a special agreement is mandatory. The IPR-regulations must be in line with the description in "Regeling subsidieverlening NWO".

The ASTRONET projects will have a duration of a maximum of 3 years. However, researchers in the Netherlands can include in their application the funding of the 4th-year of a PhD position.

• **National help-desk or contacts**

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• **Sponsors**

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