

Metakids Thematic Research call 2025 is now open

'Make an Impact'

According to Metakids, scientific research is crucial to make progress in the battle against metabolic diseases. For this reason, Metakids has decided, in consultation with United for Metabolic Diseases, to issue a call and thereby make new scientific research financially possible.



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Theme and Conditions

The Metakids 2025 Thematic Research call is an open call. Metakids is looking for scientific projects with a maximum impact for the metabolic field and for the metabolic patient. The conditions are:

- in line with the 'Kennisagenda'
- a major step forward for the field and/or the patient within five years
- meeting the joint goal set by Metakids and UMD that reads 'to be able to treat half of the metabolic patients by 2035'. It is noted that projects on early diagnosis and screening will also make a significant contribution to this joint goal.

Collaboration between research centers and with groups from adjacent areas of expertise is encouraged. Anyone with a contract that runs at least until the end of the requested project may submit a pre-application. PI's or co-applicants who were awarded a project in the Metakids call in 2024 may not submit a project proposal in 2025 that is in line with the awarded project proposal.

Apply for funding

Researchers working at a Dutch Academic Institution can apply for funding of a PhD or Post-doc project. The Thematic Research call titled 'Make an Impact' is now open. The deadline for submitting a grant application is April 30, 2025.

Who is invited?

The invitation is open to Dutch doctors and researchers with an interest in researching metabolic disorders. Membership of the association for the promotion of research into Hereditary Metabolic Diseases in the Netherlands (ESN) is not a requirement. If one of the co-applicants is an ESN member, it is considered a plus.

How to submit

The short proposal form can be downloaded from the 'for researchers' page on our website. The maximum amount of funding that can be awarded for this call is €320,000. Proposals for smaller amounts are also welcome. The short proposal must be written in English. The proposal can then be submitted by email to i.vandervelde@metakids.nl.

The Process

All received pre-applications will be evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of Metakids. Applicants of a number of short proposals selected by the SAB will be invited to complement their proposal into a 'full format.' The chance of approval for projects submitted in full format is more than 30%. The full proposals will be evaluated by an international panel of independent reviewers. Based on their assessments the SAB will provide an advice to the Metakids board. The decision to award grants will be made by the Metakids board based on the advice from the SAB and the panel of reviewers.

Project "on the shelf"

In addition to research proposals that are granted immediately, the advice of the SAB may include one or more promising applications for which Metakids (in consultation with the research team, of course) will launch fundraising actions for up to 1 year.

If you have any questions, please contact Ina van der Velde (i.vandervelde@metakids.nl).