Call for proposals - Healthy Brain Pre-Seed Team Science Subsidy

The aim of this pre-seed subsidy is to support researchers from Radboud campus that plan to use the Healthy Brain Study results for developing a grant-proposal (EU, national, regional) to fund a research project based on new collaborations crossing disciplines. This pre-seed subsidy can be used for instance for consortia building, for analysis of bio-samples and data collected by the Healthy Brain Study and required for the external grant application, or for the support in grant writing for collaborative projects. Regardless, it is important that the pre-seed subsidy supports new or intensified collaborations across campus and leads to a competitive submission of a proposal to an external grant provider.

What can the money be spent on (more concrete)?
E.g.:
- participation in matchmaking/brokerage events, information days.
- participation in relevant platforms, networks or committees (working groups, boards, etc.)
- analysis of bio-samples and data collected by the Healthy Brain Study required for the intended grant-application
- organize workshops, consortium-meetings with external partners, etc.
- visits to (potential) consortium-partners
- project development activities for collaborative proposals

Costs can include salary, consultancy (e.g. for grant application), subcontracted work, conference costs, travel expenses, etc.
The pre-seed money must be spent before the deadline of the call for external funding.

Criteria
- A researcher is allowed to only join one pre-seed subsidy.
- The pre-seed subsidy is a collaboration between researchers from at least three multiple disciplines working on Radboud campus.
- Collaboration between disciplines is evident. The project’s aim cannot be met without the joint expertise of all team members.
- The pre-seed subsidy and the envisioned external grant application builds upon Healthy Brain Data.
- The application is of high (scientific) quality. When proposals are assessed as of equal quality, a newly set-up collaboration is favored over a pre-existing one.
- The pre-seed subsidy represents a value of up to 25k€ and has to be supported by a clear budget plan. If analysis of bio-samples and data collected by the Healthy Brain Study is required, a maximum of 25k€ can be requested additionally.
- The proposed external call is known and accompanying application deadlines are clear or at least indicated.
- The project is feasible within the proposed time span. The project plan includes the steps towards a successful external grant application and maximizes the chance of obtaining external funding for the continuation of the project idea.
- The project is innovative, can be both fundamental or applied and requires team science.

Evaluation and Selection
The scientific board of the Healthy Brain study reviews all proposals and submits a ranking to the Healthy Brain steering committee, which selects the to-be granted pre-seed subsidies.

Every member of the scientific board evaluates the proposals according to the following criteria: scientific quality (50%), feasibility of project and likelihood of obtaining external funding (35%), new collaboration across disciplines (15%). The following criteria for scientific quality are applied: challenging content, originality of the topic, innovative elements, potential to make an important contribution to the advancement of science, effectiveness of the proposed methodology, and scientific embedding of
the research. Projects that do not fulfill the general criteria and required focus will not be taken into consideration. The evaluation committee must come to final ranking based on individual rankings and discussion of proposals in the committee.

**Time schedule**
October 2, 2019: Healthy Brain campus meeting on Team Science, opening/publication of the pre-seed call
June 1, 2020, 23.59hr: Deadline for the submission of the proposal
June 2020: Applications will be evaluated by the scientific board
July 2020: Announcement of winning proposals
Before the end of 2020: Start of pre-seed projects

**Submitted grant application at external funding body in 2021**

**For more information**
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**Attachment**
1) Application form
APPLICATION FORM

Healthy Brain Pre-Seed Team Science Subsidy

PART 1 - SUMMARY
1. Applicant (name, affiliation, email address):
2. Other team members (name, affiliation, email address):
3. Title of pre-seed subsidy:
4. Envisioned external funding call and size of subsidy (€) (add link to webpage, if available):
5. Deadline submission external subsidy (or indication):
6. Project summary (max 200 words):
7. Link to Healthy Brain focus on team science (explain why your research question requires a new collaborative team effort, max 150 words):

PART 2 – PROJECT PROPOSAL (total max. 3 A4, incl. figures and references, Calibri 11)
1. Project description (background, aims, description and planning of proposed work including networking, steps towards external grant application, potential outcome):
2. 5-year research achievements of the applicant:
3. 5-year research achievements of team members:
4. Six key publications of applicant/team members, relevant to the proposed research:
5. Substantiate the novelty of the collaboration:
6. Substantiate the feasibility and the likelihood of obtaining additional funding (including timeline and deliverables until external subsidy submission date):
7. Substantiate the innovative approach and urgency for HB grant 2020 (why this grant is essential for obtaining external funding and how this project and its applicants fit the specific call):
8. How will the project connect to relevant regional-, national- and European networks?

PART 3 – BUDGET PLAN
1. Budget plan up to 50 K€. Costs for personnel are according to the NWO salary tables. Please be as detailed as possible

PART 4 - SUBMISSION
I declare that this project is new, not previously awarded by another grant agency, nor currently under review by another grant agency.
I am an employee of RU, Radboudumc or MPI and have a contract at least until 2022.

I have completed this form truthfully. I have completed this form truthfully.
Date: Date:

Name and signature of applicant: Names and signatures team members:

Proposal must be submitted as one PDF file to Lucy Overbeek via e-mail: lucy.overbeek@radboudmc.nl
The deadline for submission June 1, 2020, 23.59 hr