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The Duchenne Parent Project Netherlands (DPP NL) promotes research care for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy patients. DPP NL sponsors postdoctoral fellowships, fast exchange of data and stimulates international collaboration. Countries are invited to submit a research project to DPP NL.

Duchenne Parent Project NL has invested over 20 million euro in research for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy over the last 20 years.

The 2026 Research Grant Call: Adult life with Duchenne

Duchenne Parent Project the Netherlands is pleased to announce that the 2026 research grant application is open.

Submission deadline: 1 July 2026

We are pleased to announce the opening of applications for the Duchenne Research call designed to stimulate groundbreaking and innovative research on Duchenne. As improvements in care have significantly increased life expectancy, new challenges have emerged regarding the long-term health, care, participation, and quality of life of adults living with Duchenne. This grant therefore aims to support research that advances understanding and addressing these evolving needs.

Proposed projects may focus on topics such as long-term care, disease mechanisms, therapies, assistive technologies, psychosocial and behavioral aspects, and how to contribute to improving the lives of adults living with DMD.

The DMD Research Grant offers a maximum of €100,000 to researchers to conduct high-impact studies that align with our mission.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be based at recognized public research institutions;
- Applicants must be actively engaged in DMD-related research;
- Proposals from both early-career researchers and/ or established investigators are welcome;
- Collaborative proposals across disciplines are welcome;
- Novel collaborations are highly encouraged;
- A researcher is allowed to submit only one project as an applicant or as a collaborator. If multiple projects are submitted, Duchenne Parent Project has the possibility to exclude one of them;
- If a collaborative project is proposed, the budget could be divided between the collaborators based on effort.

Projects

- Projects should be innovative and can include fundamental, translational, and clinical research;
- The focus of the project should be connected to Duchenne Parent Project's mission (see below).

Submission process

To apply, please download and complete the [application form](#) and [budget](#) submitted to research@duchenne.nl by July 1st, 2026. The application should be in English language. Project applications will undergo a thorough peer review process by our Scientific Advisory Board. The applications will be evaluated based on the scientific research line, together with the research vision of the applicants. The budget will be based on the advice of the Scientific Advisory Board.

Amount: up to EUR 100,000 (VAT expenses not eligible, a maximum of 10% can be included in the budget if those costs can be directly related to the project).

Submission deadline: 1 July 2026, 11:59 PM (end of day)

Project duration: up to 18 months

Call outcome: end of October 2026

Expected start of project: 1 January 2027

About Duchenne Parent Project's funding

Duchenne Parent Project has a multi-track policy and funds the widest range of research, including basic research, rehabilitation research, quality of life, genetic research. We sponsor promising and innovative research projects, facilitate a fast exchange of data, and stimulate international collaboration.

Our mission and vision

Our mission is to improve the lives of everyone affected by Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) now and in the future. We believe that research into all aspects of DMD is essential to slow or stop muscle degeneration, improving care, and promoting participation. We are committed to ensure that every person with DMD can live a better life through medical advancements, assistive technologies, and strong support systems.

The vision of Duchenne Parent Project is to drive research, improve knowledge, and empower Duchenne families to take an active role in shaping their future. By working with global experts and research institutions, we can accelerate solutions and create positive change.

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If pilot data is generated in this incentive grant, the researchers should aim to make the data accessible, interoperable, and reusable ([FAIR](#)). If pilot data is available, we encourage it to be published as soon as possible in a peer-reviewed open-access scientific journal, even if it consists of 'negative' results.

For any inquiries regarding the call, please contact Minou Verhaeg at [res](#)

Fast track application

We give you the opportunity to apply for smaller projects through the fast track application. This includes applications for workshops as well. [For grant conditions, click here](#). The maximum amount is 25.000.

[Click here for more information about the fast track application](#)

Dr Imelda de Groot Award

The 'Dr Imelda de Groot' is an annual award and meant to stimulate persons with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). Especially innovative research. The award is an initiative of the foundation Duchenne Parent Project, The Netherlands.

Every professional involved in the care of persons with DMD can apply for the award. The support of patients' organization is advisable for the application.

Dr Imelda de Groot retired in April 2021 as a pediatric rehabilitation specialist at the Erasmus Medical Center. During her career she initiated innovative and relevant research on Duchenne and Becker Muscular Dystrophy, such as 'No use is disuse' about physical activities, outcome measures and many other subjects. The goal of the award is to encourage researchers and clinicians to develop activities in this field. Candidates for the award should be

by Duchenne (and Becker) patient organizations around to globe. The w
a jury existing of experts including patients, will receive € 10.000 to be s

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