

Foundation Friends of the Dutch Blood Transfusion Society

Scholarship for study or work visit abroad

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The Foundation Friends of the DBTS makes two scholarships available per year. One of these scholarships can be an 'incoming' scholarship for a working visit to the Netherlands.

Conditions

The purpose of the scholarship is an educational goal for the applicant, e.g., exchange of best practices, research, teaching techniques.

The applicant and her/his supervisor for an outgoing scholarship or the host for an incoming scholarship must be DBTS-members at the time of the application and the actual visit.

The scholarship is funding to cover travel and/or accommodation costs for a study or work visit abroad.

Maximum amount: 2500 Euro. This amount may be additional to other funding.

There are two scholarships available per year or as many as can be funded within 5000 euros. When an application for an incoming scholarship is received, it will be given priority over a second outgoing scholarship in the event of a positive recommendation from the advisors.

There is one call for proposals per year.

The application must be submitted (no later than 31st May) prior to the academic year in which the working visit takes place. Retrospective applications will not be considered.

Submission

Send the completed application form with attachments to bestuur@vriendennvb.nl.

Students (higher vocational, university) and employees of non-commercial institutions who are involved in activities that are in line with the objectives of the NVB are eligible.

An applicant can only obtain a scholarship once.

In case of the scholarship being awarded, the applicant is required to submit a short report for the website and a report related to the learning objectives to the board of the Foundation Friends of the DBTS.

If possible, this applicant will be given the opportunity to give a lecture at the annual NVB-TRIP symposium on transfusion medicine.

Assessment

The applications are submitted for review to two advisors – to be nominated by the board of the DBTS – for example from the DBTS education or science committee. Depending on the subject, a third advisor is requested, for example from the hemovigilance platform.

If one of the above-mentioned advisors is involved in the application as an applicant or supervisor, another external referee will be sought.

The board of the Foundation assesses all applications taking into account the reviews and decides whether or not to award the scholarship.

Finances

The person to whom a scholarship has been awarded can claim expenses by submitting proof, after which the amount will be transferred to his or her account. The reports must be received within six months of the visit. The names of the persons to whom scholarships have been awarded are published on the website of the Foundation Friends of the DBTS, as well as – subject to permission – the reports. In exceptional cases, a partial advance payment may be provided in consultation with the treasurer.

Timetable

mid-February	Pre-announcement
mid-March	Call for proposals
31 May	Application deadline
Jun 25	Deadline advisors
30 June	result

Questions?

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