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| **Part A – Applicant** |

***How to fill out this application form?***

***IMPORTANT:*** *When writing your proposal, please take into account that it will be assessed by both expert referees as well as more broadly composed cluster committees and domain wide assessment committees.*

*This application form consists of three parts. In Part A you fill out the basic details of the main applicant. Only name and affiliation are required. Part B is devoted to the scientific proposal, including abstract, summary and a justification for the project budget. Finally, Part C contains additional information which is not immediately necessary for the scientific proposal but contains administrative information aiding the assessment procedure. Only Part A and B will be assessed by the referees and the cluster and domain wide assessment committees. Please adhere to the following rules when filling out this application form:*

* *remove the examples and comments (in italic and blue) before converting the application to PDF and submitting it;*
* *use the Calibri font at font size 9.5 (or similar) and do not change the margins (2 cm in either direction);*
* *each of the three Parts A, B and C should start on a new page;*
* ***no*** *budget table should be included in this application form; please use the separately provided spreadsheet to construct your budget table and upload the pdf of it together with this application form;*
* *the basic details of the proposal (section B.1, incl. abstract and summary) are limited to* ***one*** *page;*
* *the scientific proposal (section B.2) is limited to* ***six*** *pages, which includes figures and tables, but excludes the list of literature references.*
* *NWO signed the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) in April 2019. DORA aims to call a halt to the irresponsible use of bibliometric indicators in assessing research and researchers (such as the H-index, Journal Impact Factor and citations). It is a global initiative for all research disciplines (for more information about this, see* [*https://sfdora.org/*](https://sfdora.org/)*). NWO implements its principles in all instruments. Therefore it is* ***not allowed*** *to mention these and similar bibliometric indicators in KLEIN-applications.*

***What to submit to NWO through ISAAC?***

*Upload as a separate pdf:*

* *Application form*
* *Budget table*
* *If applicable: commitment letter investment*
* *If applicable: letter preferential treatment, employer’s statement related to extension clause*
* *If applicable: letter of sufficient supervision in case main applicant is a tenure tracker*

1. **Main applicant**

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| Name (titles, initials, first name, last name): | *prof.dr. J. (Joan) Doe* |
| Affiliation (university/institute + department): | *University of Discworld*  *Department of Magic* |

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| **Part B – Scientific proposal** |

1. **Basic details**

*Part B.1 covers some basic details of the application and contains information to aid the scientific assessment of your proposal as it contains both an* ***abstract suited for your scientific peers*** *and a* ***summary for non-specialists in multidisciplinary scientific assessment committees****. The individual parts have no length restriction but the total length of* ***Part B.1 should not exceed one page****.*

1. **Title**

*The title should be clear and concise, and not an explanation. An acronym is optional.*

1. **Abstract**

*The abstract should summarize the proposed research in a clear way and should be aimed at your scientific peers. Please bear in mind that NWO uses the abstract to select referees.* ***This abstract also needs to be uploaded through NWO's online application system ISAAC.***

1. **Summary**

*The summary explains your research proposal* *to the assessment committees which do not necessarily contain experts from your field. The members from the assessment committees are scientists having a background in the research areas covered by the NWO Domain Science.*

1. **Keywords**

*Use any keywords to describe your research proposal. This can aid the referees and committees to quickly understand the broad scope of your proposal.*

1. **Scientific proposal**

*While drafting your research proposal keep the assessment criteria from the call for proposals in mind. For the assessment of proposals the basic principle is that the proposals must describe in a clear and concise way* ***what*** *will be investigated and* ***why*** *the proposed research should be carried out (urgency). This section is limited to* ***six*** *pages, including figures and tables and excluding literature references.*

1. **Research topic**

*This part of the proposal includes the overall aim, objectives and background. It also deals with the scientific originality and/or the innovative approach of the proposed research and investment, including its cutting-edge aspects and/or groundbreaking character.*

1. **Approach**

*Describe which methods and techniques will be used in the proposed research and discuss their applicability and accessibility. Include a detailed work plan and indicate the duration of the proposed research.*

1. **Justification**

*Discuss the choice for the type (e.g. PhD and/or post-doc) and number of personnel. In case an investment is foreseen, indicate whether this investment will be developed exclusively for the proposed research, why there is no nearby equipment available that warrants this investment and how the investment relates to the number of researchers using it. Also discuss and motivate your choices for budget decisions, for instance a motivation for an excess in materials budget (if the cumulative total exceeds more than k€ 15 per scientific position per year).*

1. **Embedding**

*Describe how the proposed research and investment fits with the participating researcher(s) and how it benefits from local, national and/or international collaborations. Also indicate how the proposed research and investment fits within the (inter)national science landscape. Remember to comply with DORA.*

1. **Risk assessment**

*Discuss feasibility of the research proposal and indicate the possible risks involved with the proposed research, including risks from the methods, techniques, available infrastructure, etc. Indicate how these risks can be mitigated and whether an alternative approach (plan B) exists.*

1. **Scientific and/or societal impact**

*Include a perspective on the short and long term impact the proposed research will have on its own research field. Highlight the relevance to other scientific and/or societal areas. If applicable, give a possible application perspective and how the output of the proposed research can lead to new insights, technologies in society or industry.*

1. **Literature/references (in this proposal)**

*The list of references should be relevant to the research proposal, cited in the texts of section B.2 and only include 'open literature'. It should not include internal documents (such as master theses) nor should it be a mere list of publications of the main applicant.* ***This section does not count toward the limitation of six pages.***

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| **Part C – Additional information** |

1. **Research areas**

*Include at least one and at most five research areas applicable to your research proposal. The list of admissible research areas can be found in the last section of the call for proposals. Please indicate for each chosen research area (in percentages) the relevance to your research proposal. Use increments of 5%. The minimum percentage can be 20% and the sum of percentages should not exceed 100%. By using percentages, rather than a ranking of research areas, you can also indicate that some research areas contribute equally to your proposal. For example:*

*- Theoretical astronomy (25%)*

*- Inorganic chemistry (25%)*

*- Geotechnics (20%)*

*- Subatomic Physics (30%)*

*Please note that these research areas do not correspond to the discipline codes asked for when submitting your proposal through NWO's online application system ISAAC. The research areas listed in this proposal (submitted as pdf) are used for further assessment of your application (e.g., the distribution of the proposal among the different cluster committees); the codes in ISAAC are not used for any such purpose.* ***Please only supply the main discipline in ISAAC.***

1. **Main applicant – additional information**

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| Name: | *(copy from A.1)* |
| Affiliation: | *(copy from A.1)* |
| Position: | *professor / associate professor / assistant professor / tenure-track* |
| Paid position: | *yes / no* |
| Full time or part time: | *full time / part time (1.0/0.8/... fte)* |
| End date of contract: | *N/A / dd-mm-yyyy* |

1. **Other grant applications**

*Please indicate below each proposal on the same research topic as the current proposal (to be) submitted to NWO or other funding agencies by you or by members of your research group. Describe the difference (give a percentage) of the current proposal with the other proposals. Please bear in mind that NWO does not fund the same/similar research twice. Copy and paste the table as often as needed.*

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| Title proposal: | *The answer to life, the universe and everything* |
| Applicant(s): | *prof.dr. J. (Joan) Doe* |
| Funding agency and call: | *ERC, Starting Grant* |
| Budget applied for: | *k€ 1.200* |
| Date of submission: | *1 august 2018* |
| Estimated date of decision: | *1 may 2019* |
| Difference with this proposal: | *75% difference* |
| Describe difference: | *Instead of using Deep Thought we will ask the mice.* |

1. **Data management plan**

*Please answer below four questions about the data management of the proposed research. This includes how data is ordered and categorised for publication. You can state which research data is considered relevant for storage and reuse.*

1. Will you collect or generate data that is suitable for reuse?

*If yes, please complete questions 2-4; If no: please explain why the research will not result in reusable data, or in data that cannot be stored, or data that for other reasons is not relevant for reuse.*

1. Where will the data be stored during the research?
2. After the project has been completed, how will the data be stored for the long-term and made available for use by third parties? To whom will the data be accessible?
3. Which facilities (ICT, glove box, refrigerator, etc.) do you expect you need for the storage of data during and after the research? Are these available?

*ICT facilities for data storage are considered to be resources such as data storage capacity, bandwidth for data transport and calculating power for data processing.*

1. **Public summaries**

*Include a short (max. 100 words) public summary both* ***in Dutch*** *AND* ***in English*** *with a catchy title,**which NWO can use in press releases and on their website in case your research proposal gets granted.*