**Amsterdam Cohort Hub Fellowships - 2025 Call**

The Amsterdam Cohort Hub is excited to announce that we are offering 2 fellowships (of 15k (fifteen thousand) euro each), intended to support an early-career researcher (ECR) in writing a research proposal that utilizes data from at least two cohorts within the cohort hub. The funding can only be used for personnel costs covering writing time and must be spent within the calendar year 2026. Deadline for submission is **Monday November 3rd 2025, 9.00am.**

**Eligibility criteria & requirements**

Applicant:

* The applicant is an early-career researcher (ECR), defined as up to 8 years\* after obtaining their PhD.
\* maternity/parental leave or prolonged illness periods excluded – according to NWO rules
* The fellowship is intended for researchers who have not previously received substantial EU or national funding as a principal investigator.
* The applicant is affiliated to the APH research institute and employed at one of APHs formal partners. Formal partners include Amsterdam UMC, VU Faculty of Science and VU Faculty of Behavioural and Movement Sciences.
* Minimally 2 ACH cohorts are included in the proposal (data use or data collection)

Proposal:

* The fellowship is specifically designed to support ECRs in preparing a grant proposal focused on multicohort research, making use of data of at least two cohorts from the Amsterdam Cohort Hub.
* If the call allows it, the applicant will mention ACH as collaborative partner in the proposal and incorporate budget for ACH activities (e.g. data-management, infrastructure etc.)
* The submission package includes the application form plus a short CV (1 page)

**Post-Award obligations**:

* If - during the writing – it is deemed that another round or call is more suitable than the call mentioned in the application, this will be communicated to ACH
* The recipient contacts Research Grant Support of Amsterdam UMC for support
* Send a copy of the submitted application to ACH
* The recipient will be asked to present the grant application idea during one of the ACH meetings (e.g., in the ACH Researchers community meeting)

**Evaluation & evaluation Criteria**

The proposals will be rated by at least 3 members of the steering committee, excluding those reporting COI, on the following criteria:

1. Quality and innovativeness of the plan for a proposal (including quality and clarity of objectives and overall plan, innovative aspects of the proposed research or approach) (30% weight)
2. Relevance to multi-cohort research / Alignment with strategic goals of ACH\*\* (30% weight)
3. Feasibility (including Realistic time line for writing the proposal) (20% weight)
4. Fit of project idea and/or candidate’s profile with the intended call (20% weight)

\*\***Strategic goals ACH:**

* To promote (re)use of data from cohorts participating in ACH, and thereby advancing the impact of their data.
* To stimulate content-based or methodological research using data from two or more ACH cohorts.
* To strengthen the data or research infrastructure of ACH cohorts.

**Amsterdam Cohort Hub Fellowship 2025 Application Form**

**Instructions:** Please complete all sections of this application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Ensure all information is accurate and concise.

Mail your signed application form plus a short CV to: cohorthub@amsterdamumc.nl no later than Monday November 3rd 2025, 9:00am.

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| **Applicant information** |
| Name |  |
| Title/position |  |
| Institution/Department |  |
| Email address |  |
| Date of PhD completionMust be within 8 years; extensions for parental leave or long-term illness allowed. Please specify if applicable |  |
| Have you previously received substantial EU or national funding as a principal investigator | * No
* Yes --> If Yes, you are ineligible for this grant
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| **Fellowship proposal** |
| **Title of plan:**  |  |
| Intended Grant & call round/deadlineSpecify name of call, and date of submission deadline |  |
| Summary of the plan: (max word length 300; Briefly describe the background, objectives, and main idea of your proposal) |
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| Fit of project idea and/or candidate’s profile\* with the call:(max word length 200) \*please include a 1-page CV in your application package |
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| Amsterdam cohort info(a minimum of 2 cohorts need to be part of the proposal; and the proposal’s budget needs to allocate budget to ACH activities (such as Datamanagement) if the call allows it. |
| Which cohorts will be incorporated in the proposal: | 1. ….
2. ….
3. …
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| Relevance to multi-cohort research / Alignment with strategic goals of ACH (max word length 150) |
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| **Work plan** |
| Planning & timeline:(please describe the planning for writing the grant proposal with timeline) (max word length 400) |
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I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I confirm that I have read and understood the eligibility and evaluation criteria for the Amsterdam Cohort Hub Fellowship.

Applicant’s Signature:

Date: