# **AMS Ageing & Vitality Call for Talent Applications 2025**

This research grant is intended for talented early-career researchers who are in the final phase of their PhD or within one year after their PhD defence at either the University of Amsterdam (UvA) or Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU).

The aim is to maximize the scientific output of ongoing or recently completed research and to support the career development of researchers following a successful PhD trajectory.

Proposals must make use of existing research data and may focus on:

* Writing an additional scientific publication not already planned in the PhD thesis.
* Preparing a grant application to pursue follow-up research based on the PhD work.
* The proposal may include material costs.

Please note: This call is *not intended* to fund the completion of PhD dissertations.

**Eligibility Criteria**

* Applicants must have submitted their PhD thesis no more than one year prior to the submission of the proposal.
* Projects must be clearly embedded within the Ageing & Vitality research program of Amsterdam Movement Sciences Research Institute (AMS).
* Each project must be supervised by at least two supervisors, with at least one affiliated with Amsterdam UMC or VU Amsterdam.
* The applicant must be correctly affiliated with AMS ‘Ageing & Vitality’ in the PURE output registration system.

**Requirements**

* The proposal must include a brief description of:
  + The scientific project or activity to be funded (i.e. paper or grant).
  + The added value for the AMS Ageing & Vitality research program.
  + A timeline for completion.
* Budget: up to €25,000. The funds should be booked to a project number in the calendar year 2025 (before October 1 2025). A letter from the Department Head or budget responsible should be submitted with details on expenditure/payment.

**Application & Review**

* The call is open for submissions until **August 14, 2025, 10 am.**
* Applications will be reviewed by the AMS Ageing & Vitality program board based on:
  + Scientific quality;
  + Feasibility;
  + Fit with the Ageing & Vitality research program.
* Applicants will be notified of the outcome within 2 weeks after submission via email

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**1. Application form**

Where will the applicant be appointed? *Amsterdam UMC, location AMC / Amsterdam UMC, location Vumc / VU, BW or BETA* (delete as appropriate).

In which *department* will the research take place/the candidate be appointed?

**2. Details applicant** (add CV max. 2 pp.)

Surname and initials:

Given name:

Email:

PhD candidate / Post-doc researcher (delete as appropriate)

(Working) title PhD project:

PhD start and (expected) end date:

Affiliation: faculty and department:

Supporting AMS Supervisors:

**3a. Title of application:**

**3b. Starting date and duration:**

**3c. Short summary (max. 250 words)**

**4. Description of the proposed research project**

(max 1 A4 / font size 11); background and justification, aims and objectives, methods, statistical analysis plan, work plan, time schedule and expected new insights).

**5. What is the relevance for the candidate, the supervising department, the institute and the research program?** (max ½ A4 / font 11)

**6. Applicant’s motivation** (max ½ A4 / font 11)

**7. Budget Specification**

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| **Estimated total costs** | **Description** | **€** |
| Personnel costs (please specify) |  |  |
| Material costs (please specify) |  |  |
| Other, please specify |  |  |
| **Requested amount:** |  |  |
|  | *Grant: Max €25.000* |  |

**Note:** If the total project budget exceeds the maximum grant amount, attach letter detailing additional finance.

Is the application also submitted elsewhere? Yes / No. If yes, indicate where:

**8. Compulsory supporting letters**

* AMS Supervisor(s) support letter (max 1 A4);
* Letter from the Department Head or budget responsible with details on expenditure/payment.

**FINAL NOTE:** The application should be uploaded to <https://forms.gle/uXw35jwwavd3nhuU9> as one PDF. Applications that do not meet the criteria will not be taken into consideration.