



Instructions for application for GSMS PhD scholarships, open round 2018

A. General Information

These guidelines are designed to inform about the application procedure for a 3-year-PhD scholarship of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences (GSMS).

In 2018, an application for GSMS PhD scholarships will be available for master students, who have successfully completed a master at the University of Groningen in the field of health or biomedical sciences. The application involves a two-step procedure. First, a pre-registration will be organized. Eligibility will be judged on the basis of a CV, grades, a letter of motivation, a short summary of the project proposal and a letter of recommendation by a Principal Investigator (PI) who recommends the student for participation and is willing to act as supervisor for the PhD project (for details see **B. Requirements and application procedure**). Pre-registered students will be allowed to write and submit a PhD research proposal under supervision of the involved PI. The topic of the PhD proposal should match the goals of one of the research programmes of the UMCG. The supervising PI should be a full participant of one of the research programmes. Important herein is that the students should write their own proposal.

The research proposal will be evaluated by three independent reviewers from the UMCG. The candidate will be asked to comment to their reviews by writing a rebuttal. Thereafter, the candidate will be invited to present and defend the research proposal to a committee. The committee will be composed of senior staff of the involved research institutes and the GSMS. The evaluation committee will rank the eligible proposals on the basis of the proposal, rebuttal and presentation and will award a maximum of 7 PhD scholarships.

Timepath 2018

July 9th	Deadline for submission of application for pre-registration is.
July 13th	Decision of the admission committee will send to the applicants.
September 1st	Deadline for submission of the full proposal.
September 8th	Reviewer comments will be send to the applicants.
September 15th	Deadline for submission of the rebuttal
September 21st	Interviews with the applicants
September 28th	Applicants will be informed about the outcome



B. Admission requirements and procedure for open round 2018

Students can apply for a 3-year PhD scholarship under the following conditions:

1. Students write their own PhD proposal (under supervision of their own PI).
2. Students have to be recommended for admission by a Principal Investigator of the UMCG based on personal experience of a research internship of at least 5 EC as supervisor of the student.
3. The PI has to be committed to be a supervisor for the PhD project
4. Students have to be in their final stage of their Master studies at the University of Groningen
5. Students should have finished their Master studies at the latest by 1st of September, 2018.
6. Students are allowed to participate until maximal 1 year after graduation from their Master studies, meaning this round not earlier than 1st July 2017
7. All students will be ranked by the same committee.
8. Pre-registration application should consist of:
 1. Pre-registration form
 2. Curriculum vitae of candidate
 3. Copy of Master diploma or certified grade report (Progress).
 4. Letter of recommendation and commitment Principal Investigator
 5. Summary of project proposal (one page maximum)

Pre-registration applications should be sent before 9th July 2018 , 12.00 PM to:

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