

Graduate School of Medical Sciences Abel Tasman Talent Program (ATTP) Sandwich PhD

IMPORTANT: The Graduate School of Medical Sciences (GSMS) has a limited number of ATTP sandwich PhD positions available. The award policy from 2017 onwards favors those universities listed as ATTP [Strategic Partners](#) and spin-off of GSMS-coordinated activities. Moreover, in November 2018, the [PhD student program](#) of the University of Groningen was cancelled. The GSMS remains committed to hosting as many qualified candidates from Strategic Partner universities as possible. Be aware though that award procedures may be delayed and/or more stringent award criteria apply, subject to the availability of funding.

1. Applications to ATTP Sandwich PhD funding should be submitted **by the UMCG Supervisor** to the Graduate School of Medical Sciences (GSMS), in accordance with the instructions available on the [dedicated website](#). GSMS contact: [Joyce Fongers](#). The application package includes:
 - ATTP sandwich PhD application form
 - Research Proposal
 - CV candidate
 - Financial Statement candidate
 - Proof of English proficiency (if applicable - exemptions possible)
 - Copy of diploma (highest degree)

In case the research project of the prospective ATTP Sandwich PhD foresees that the final (two) year(s) of research will not be carried out at UMCG, the application package also contains:

- A Letter of Commitment signed by the relevant authority at the partner in which supervision and funding are guaranteed for the period of PhD research spent at the partner

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- ✓ Visit the website for the latest forms
- ✓ Specific procedures exist for some Strategic Partners (Feb 2019: UNAM/Mexico; UdeA/Colombia)
- ✓ Incomplete applications will not be taken into consideration

2. The evaluation of applications by the GSMS includes a check with two expert reviewers who assess:
 - Scientific quality
 - Fit with UMCG research program
 - Project feasibility, i.e. expected output of combined PhD trajectory

The reviewers' advice is Award, Adjust or Reject. In the case of adjust or reject the PI applicant has the opportunity to write a rebuttal.

3. The GSMS Director takes the award decision following the reviewers' advice. Typically, decisions are taken within six weeks. Approval is always subject to the availability of funding.
4. In case the award decision is positive, the GSMS ([Mathilde Pekelaer](#)) issues an Award Letter to the UMCG PhD supervisor. The letter contains important practical information for the implementation of the ATTP Sandwich PhD project. Among these, the responsibility of the Supervisor to **notify the GSMS 4-6 months in advance of the grantee stay at the UMCG**.