

Procedure PhD stipends for top Radboudumc MSc students 2016

Goals:

1. To promote research careers for excellent MSc graduates within Radboud university medical center.
2. To attract talented candidate students for the Radboud university medical center masters.

Guidelines:

- To provide optimal training and research opportunities, candidates can only apply for a PhD position together with a Radboudumc (junior) Principal Investigator (eligible as of 1st April 2015 and a (j)PI can only support the application of one candidate).
- Applicants should be current MSc students of Radboudumc finishing their Master in 2016.
- For 2016 **5 positions** are available divided as follows:
One PhD project is earmarked for a MMD-graduate, one PhD project is earmarked for a BMS-graduate, and one PhD project is earmarked for a Medicine-graduate. Always under the condition that provided proposal and applicant is of excellent quality. The remaining project(s) will be allocated in an open competition for all Radboudumc MSc students (BMS, Dentistry, Medicine and MMD).
- The MSc MMD and BMS will advertise this opportunity for MSc-PhD tracks in their international recruitment.
- The selected candidates should start their PhD research in the calendar year 2016 and the subsidy is conditional on graduating in 2016.

Selection procedure:

- An invitation is sent to MSc students and (j)PIs to prepare a pre-proposal.
- Pre-proposals must be submitted in the correct format, containing details of applicant, CV, details of intended supervisor, title of research idea and a summary of the research idea in max 300 words plus 5 key words. Only pre-proposals on the correct form are accepted.
- The selection committee decides which ten (two times the number of PhD grants) projects are selected to write a full research proposal in layman terms, based on the pre-proposal and curriculum vitae. The selection should contain at least two MMD candidates and two BMS candidates.
- Interviews are conducted with each of the candidates.
- The selection committee ranks the projects on the basis of scores for Project description, Originality and innovation, Research work plan, Quality of researcher and Presentation and defence of the proposal.

Timeline for PhD projects commencing in 2016:

- Before 1 June 2016: **Call for pre-proposals.** (junior)PIs are informed by the Radboudumc Research Board. Students are informed via Ad Valvas and by the Education management teams (OMTs).
- Sunday 4 October 2015 (23:59): **Deadline for pre-proposals**
- After 23 October 2015: Decision by selection committee will be communicated to the students: the **projects are selected**, for which the candidates write a full proposal
- Sunday 22 November 2015 (23:59): **Deadline for full proposals**
- Wednesday 9 December 2015 **Interviews:** Candidates present their projects for the selection committee. This is the only opportunity to present the project. Only candidates presenting their projects on this day are eligible for a PhD-position.
- After 16 December 2015: **Decision** by PhD project selection committee will be communicated to the candidates.

