**Call HS-BAFTA Talented postdocs (former Postdoctoral Talent Fellowship)**

**Introduction**

The ‘HS-BAFTA Talented PhD candidates’ is intended for recently graduated CARIM PhD students. The fellowship is meant to keep top CARIM talents connected to our institute by giving the opportunity to go abroad, thereby gaining the experience required for writing excellent grant proposals. Therefore, a main requirement for this fellowship is that approximately 9 months (min. of 6) shall be spent at a partner institute outside the Netherlands to acquire (further) abroad experience and strengthen the international network of the candidate and PI(s) involved. The candidate should use this year for setting up abroad collaborations and writing a proposal for a postdoc position (e.g. the NWO VENI-programme) and will be judged on his intentions of enacting this grant from within CARIM.

The fellowship amounts to € **61,123 gross** (in accordance with 2019 scale 10-4 for salary costs) which is meant for a period of 12 months. Bench fees are not included in this fellowship. The fellowship includes one return flight to the host institute (based on economy fare).

The board has decided that 12 months is the maximum period of time for the fellowship. However, in consultation with the executive board of CARIM the fellowship can be combined with funding from the host institute or other to extend the duration of the postdoc project.

The means of the fellowship are strictly personal and cannot be transferred to other persons.

**Application guidelines**

**The deadline for application is 1 May 2021.** To apply for HS-BAFTA, the applicants from within (or connected to) CARIM are invited to submit an application (by mail) to the CARIM office (secretariaat-carim@maastrichtuniversity.nl).

The assessment procedure will have a pre-selection. The most promising candidates are invited for a public interview (10 min presentation, 10 min discussion). Suitable candidates will be invited for this second round minimal 2 weeks before this date. If possible, the official award ceremony will be incorporated in the CARIM Symposium.

The evaluation committee will consist of 4-5 members of the research council and 2 CARIM PhD candidates. This committee will decide whether or not a candidate will be admitted to the selection procedure.

**Criteria**

Candidates are eligible to enter the procedure from the start of their fourth year of the Ph.D. training and should not be older than 35 years. Furthermore, the fellowship should be started within 3 months after the PhD defense or after a written approval of the thesis manuscript.

Exceeding the date to start will cause the board to withdraw the award of the HS-BAFTA. In case the selected candidate rejects the fellowship, the funds will be transferred to the next eligible candidate or made available for a second fellowship during the next round, this at discretion of the selection committee. The selection committee also holds the right to transfer the funds to the next round in case the quality of the applications does not meet the level that matches with this prestigious award

The application of the candidate will be checked against the following criteria (without prioritizing):

* The candidate should have a clear connection to CARIM.
* The quality, innovative potential and scientific impact of the proposal
* Choice (incl. motivation) and reputation of the chosen partner institute where a minimum of 6 months will be spent
* Motivation, ambition and enthusiasm of the candidate researcher
* Written letters of recommendations by current and previous supervisors (with possible oral follow-up)
* Availability of bench-fees during the fellowship within CARIM and the partner institute
* Candidate’s ambitions during the (mandatory/minimal) 6 months abroad
* Content-based oral defence of proposal by the candidate
* Post-fellowship postdoc opportunities within CARIM and/or partner institute
* Publications in general and first authorships

More information you can obtain by contacting the CARIM office (secretariaat-carim@maastrichtuniversity.nl).

**Incomplete applications (notice the maximum character count) will not be taken into consideration.**

NB. The information is intended only as general information. No rights can be derived from these data.

**APPLICATION FORM ‘HS-BAFTA Talented PhD candidates’**

(Note: The applicant submits the application; the candidate completes, except question 11, the form)

**MAASTRICHT UMC / CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH SCHOOL MAASTRICHT**

1. Applicant (WP)

Name: Enter required info here.

Position: Enter required info here.

Department: Enter required info here.

School: Enter required info here.

Phone: Enter required info here.

E-mail: Enter required info here.

1. Candidate

Surname: Enter required info here.

Initial(s), first name: Enter required info here.

Date of birth: Enter required info here.

Nationality: Enter required info here.

Work place/trainee post: Enter required info here.

Department: Enter required info here.

School: Enter required info here.

Phone: Enter required info here.

E-mail: Enter required info here.

PhD study specialisation: Enter required info here.

PhD thesis title: Enter required info here.

PhD commencing study (date): Enter required info here.

PhD degree (date): Enter required info here.

 Attended university: Enter required info here.

Master's degree (date): Enter required info here.

 Attended university: Enter required info here.

Bachelor's degree (date): Enter required info here.

 Attended university: Enter required info here.

*If the date of defending the Ph.D. thesis is not known, mention (expected) date approval Ph.D. thesis*

1. Date to start HS-BAFTA:

01/01/2015

1. Title of Research proposal: **max 200 characters**.

Enter required info here.

1. Research Plan (Introduction, specific aims, research strategies): **max. 6000 characters.**

Enter required info here.

1. Time schedule, planning and milestones during the year of the HS-BAFTA (description of planned activities during the fellowship; (both concerning the research proposal as well as the scientific career of the candidate): **max. 3000 characters.**

Enter required info here.

1. Follow-up activities after HS-BAFTA (Vision on further (scientific) career including implied grand proposals): **max. 3000 characters.**

Enter required info here.

1. Elaboration on the choice for the partner institute, the benefits gained from this collaboration and international relevance: **max. 3000 characters.**

Enter required info here.

1. Knowledge utilisation. (Describe the possible societal relevance and how the research can contribute to knowledge utilisation outside your own discipline:

(See: <http://crispmaastricht.nl/?page_id=1946>) **max. 3000 characters.**

Enter required info here.

1. Motivation candidate: **max. 3000 characters.**

Enter required info here.

1. Supervisor’s opinion about candidate and his/her potential within CARIM: **max. 3000 characters.**

Enter required info here.

**Appendix:**

1. Curriculum vitae of the candidate incorporating scientific output (publications, posters, proceedings, presentations and extracurricular activity).
2. Letter from chosen partner institute stating agreement with the placement of the candidate and research proposal.
3. Letter stating the financial set-up during the fellowship and availability of bench fees.