



HollandPTC – Varian consortium-confined call 2019

Proton irradiation related research



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1. Introduction

Three rounds of consortium confined calls are part of the HollandPTC R&D programme to boost the joint research between LUMC, ErasmusMC and TU Delft in the field of proton research. This document describes the second HollandPTC – Varian consortium-confined call, which takes place the first half of 2019. The protocol describes the guidelines, selection criteria and- procedure and application procedure for the consortium call for 2019. In total about 7 to 9 research positions will be funded. There is a preference for proposals based on the radiobiology roadmap, since this call coincides with the expanded availability of the HollandPTC research facilities by the end of 2019.

2. Conditions

The regulations as stated in the document *HollandPTC-Varian Grant Rules v1.0*, as published on the [HollandPTC website](#) apply to this call. Please pay attention; any IP resulting from a project accepted for this call will be jointly owned by Varian and the academic party conducting the research.

2.1. Type of funding

Three types of funding are available:

- Funding for a single research position. The maximum amount of funding is €300.000 to be spent over a period of maximum four years.
- Funding for a joint-proposal for two research positions. Two PI's, from two different institutes within the HollandPTC consortium, can apply for the funding of two research positions. The maximum amount of funding is €600.000 to be spent over a period of maximum four years. In this case the proposal has two main applicants from two different consortium parties. The two requested research positions should be appointed at two different institutes.
- Funding for a joint-proposal for three research positions. Three PI's, from three different institutes within the HollandPTC consortium, can apply for the funding of three positions. The maximum amount of funding is €900.000 to be spent over a period of maximum four years. In this case the proposal has three main applicants from three different consortium parties. The three requested research positions should be positioned at three different institutes.

Specifications regarding the amount of funding can be found in the budget sheet, which can be found on the [HollandPTC website](#).

2.2. Eligibility guidelines

The HollandPTC – Varian consortium-confined call 2019 accepts proposals in the field of proton research which are related to one or more of the HollandPTC R&D roadmaps, those can be found on the [website](#). There is a preference for proposals based on the radiobiology roadmap.

2.3. Who can apply?

All PIs (group leaders, assistant- associate-, and full-professors etc.) within the HollandPTC consortium (LUMC, Erasmus MC, TU Delft) linking to one or more of the HollandPTC R&D [roadmaps](#).

3. Procedure and timeline

3.1. Submission procedure

The call opens on March 1st 2019. The deadline for proposal submission (including required documents) is **May 1, 2019 12.00h CET**. All documents can be found on the [HollandPTC website](#).

Please send the following documents to researchoffice@hollandptc.nl (citing 'Final proposal - HollandPTC call 2019'):

- Proposal (according to the template)
- R&D checklist
- Budget sheet
- Co-applicant submission agreement

A signed subsidy submission agreement stating that your institute is informed about your application has to be received at the Research Office on **May 15th 2019** latest. In case there is more than one main applicant, the submission agreement has to be signed by every institute.

On **March 27th from 15.30h-17.30h** a Get-Together - Match-Making event is organized. The main goal of the event is to seek collaborations with other departments and consortium partners. Furthermore, the event will give you the opportunity to get information about the HollandPTC facilities and to discuss your ideas with people from HollandPTC about the feasibility of your proposal. Support will be available for filling out your R&D checklist and budget sheet.

It is strongly advised to attend the Get Together- Match Making Event. Registration is mandatory, please [register](#) before **March 18th** via this [link](#).

3.2. Selection criteria

The proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Quality, Novelty/Originality, Innovativeness; Does the proposal contribute to the positioning of the HollandPTC R&D consortium at the forefront of the international particle therapy research field?
- Relevance; How does the proposal contribute to a sustainable HollandPTC R&D programme? Does it fit within the framework of the HollandPTC R&D Masterplan? How urgent is the research proposal in relation to developments in the field? (Strategic considerations)
- Synergy; How does the proposal stimulate collaboration between different research groups within the HollandPTC consortium?
- Feasibility; Is the proposal feasible? (i.e. in view of the HollandPTC patient ramp-up phase and the availability of the HollandPTC research facilities) → the proposed project must be able to start within a year from approval

All submitted proposals will be mutually assessed to form a representation of the HollandPTC R&D programme. Collaborating with different research groups and consortium partners is highly recommended.

3.3. Selection procedure

Selection will take place on three different levels:

1. Quality, Novelty/Originality, innovativeness- by external reviewers
2. Practical feasibility - by HollandPTC
3. Relevance, synergy and strategic considerations - by HollandPTC R&D programme board

The HollandPTC R&D panels will evaluate the practical feasibility of the proposals. Based on i.a. this information a selection for external reviewing will be made by the programme board by the end of May. The beginning of July, it will be decided who will be invited for an interview. Interviews will take place on July 10-11. Please save the date. Based on all evaluation criteria, the programme board will select applications covering about 7-9 research positions from the call of 2019. Subsequently, the proposals will be sent to Varian. A final approval by the joint-steering committee is planned by the end of August 2019.

3.4. Timeline

1 March 2019	Opening and publication documents of call 2019
18 March 2019	Registration deadline Get Together - Match Making event
27 March 2019	15.30-17.30h Get Together – Match Making Event @HollandPTC
1 May 2019	12h CET Deadline submission proposal + documents
End of May	First selection by HollandPTC and Programme Board
Beginning of July	Selection for interviews by External reviewers
10-11 July 2019	Interviews by Programme board members
End of august	Joint steering committee – final approval
September	Announcement of the outcome to researchers

4. Contact

For questions regarding the call please contact: Charlotte Nijhoff, R&D coordinator HollandPTC via researchoffice@hollandptc.nl