2024 - NETSPAR THEME GRANTS

APPLICATION FORM[[1]](#footnote-1)

**1. TITLE PAGE**

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| Project Title |  |
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| **Applicant Information** |  |
| Applicant Name / Proposed Project Leader |  |
| Address |  |
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| E-mail |  |
| Phone number |   |
| University / Main beneficiary |  |
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**Project Budget (in €)**

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| Requested Netspar Funds (in €; max €350k)  |  |
| Matching Funds Offered by Universities (in €)  |  |
| Matching Funds Offered by Partners (in €) |  |

**Possible funding by Instituut Gak**

[ ]  I hereby give my consent to send this application (including annexes and the review score of my proposoal by the Scientific Council) to Institute Gak in order for them to review my proposal for possible funding. I accept the terms[[2]](#footnote-2) of Institute Gak in case they decide to fund the project.

**Scientific Discipline**

Please indicate the scientific discipline of your research by selecting one of the box(es):

[ ]  Economics (incl. Finance) [ ]  Law [ ]  Psychology [ ]  Sociology [ ]  Other, namely………..

**2. PROJECT TEAM**

**Academic applicants[[3]](#footnote-3)**

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\* Professor / Associate Professor / Assistant Professor / etc.

**Pension specialists (industry partners)3**

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|  | Name | Primary Affiliation | Position  |
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**Description of PhD students**

*Please describe the profile and role of any PhD students involved in the project.*

(maximum 250 words)

**3. OTHER FUNDING, PARTICIPATION OR CONTRIBUTIONS**

*Please describe other funding, participation or contributions to the project (e.g., additional unfunded time in fte [full-time equivalents] of funded researchers and participation of additional project members in fte, including an indication of the monetary value of such in-kind matching).*

(maximum 250 words)

**4. ABSTRACT**

*Please describe the background, motivation, purpose, approach, and relevance of the project for a broad audience.*

(maximum 250 words)

**5. RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

*Please provide a description of the research questions studied in this project for a broad audience. A more detailed description of the proposed research specifically aimed at an academic audience can be include in Annex I (see below).*

(maximum 750 words)

**6. DESCRIPTION OF RESOURCES REQUIRED**

*Please describe the resources needed for this project. For instance, describe the availability of data and other possible information that is relevant to the feasibility of the project.*

(maximum 250 words)

**7. RELEVANCE TO PENSION PRACTICE IN THE NETHERLANDS**

*Please describe for a broad audience why and how this project is relevant for the pension and insurance industry in The Netherlands.*

(maximum 500 words)

**8. SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTION TO THE** [**NETSPAR RESEARCH PROGRAM**](https://www.netspar.nl/en/research/)*Please summarize the project’s contribution to the Netspar Research Program. For instance, describe your ambitions and output commitments (Annex III) concerning publication in renowned scientific journals and presentations at the International Pension Workshop and Pension Day events. Please also describe how your proposed research is related to, and adds to, prior and ongoing Netspar research projects and/or papers (it is helpful to explicitly mention these projects/papers).*

(maximum 250 words)

**9. SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION RELEVANT TO NETSPAR***Please summarize the project’s contribution to educational programs that are relevant to the* [*Netspar Educational Program*](https://www.netspar.nl/en/education/)*. For instance, describe your ambitions concerning education in the area of pensions, aging, and retirement (including theses) in the bachelor, master, and/or executive education programs at the universities of the academic applicants and/or in the Netspar educational programs.*

(maximum 250 words)

**10. SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTION TO KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE WITHIN THE NETSPAR NETWORK***Please summarize your plans for sharing the knowledge created in this project within the Netspar network through, among other things, industry papers, events, and podcasts/videos etc. Please also describe potential collaboration between academics and pension specialists in these activities.*

(maximum 250 words)

**11. BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESEARCH AND VALORIZATION ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST 5 YEARS**

*Please describe the contribution of participating researchers and pension specialists to research projects and valorization during the last five years.*

(maximum 500 words)

**12. RESEARCH INTEGRITY**

*Netspar requires all applicants to adhere to the* [*Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity*](https://www.nwo.nl/en/netherlands-code-conduct-research-integrity) *issued by the Dutch Research Council (NL: NWO). Netspar also requires all academic applicants to keep their ‘third party activities’ (NL: nevenwerkzaamheden) up to date in the (public) registries at their respective universities or knowledge institutes. Netspar considers the Netspar network of industry partners and the interaction between academics and pension professionals to be key to its success in bridging the gap between academia and practice in the area of pensions, aging and retirement. That said, it is conceivable that such interactions could impede our key values of scientific integrity, objectivity, and transparency. Please reflect on any concerns (or potential conflicts of interest) you might have regarding these issues.*

**ANNEXES**

I Detailed description of the proposal concerning research, education and knowledge exchange

II Budget plan (prescribed format)

III Output commitments (prescribed format)

IV CVs for the applicant and project team members

V Letter of commitment of participating pension specialists and support letter of (at least) one Netspar partner

For questions, please contact Silvie van Halder at: +31 (0)13 466 3973.

Please submit your Theme Grant application to research@netspar.nl and mention ‘Application for Netspar Theme Grant’ in the subject line.

* **March 21, 2024**: deadline for submitting draft version of application, including Annexes I, II and III
* **May 17, 2024**: deadline for submitting final and complete version, including all Annexes
1. Note: CLICKNL is co-funder of this call, and as such will receive the application form and annexes. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Consists mainly of an annual report to the board and scientific council (wetenschappelijke raad) of Instituut Gak [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Please include brief CVs of all applicants involved the grant application. Please feel free to adjust the number of academic applicants and pension specialists involved in the application. Please note that at least one of the pension specialists should be affiliated with a Netspar partner. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)