

Grant Regulations Radboud TOS Fund

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1. Radboud TOS Fund

The Radboud TOS Fund (RTF) is committed to giving children with TOS a promising future. The fund does this by encouraging scientific research into language development disorders in babies and young children in order to detect the disorders earlier and treat them effectively.

The Radboud TOS Fund, founded in 2021 as a named fund under the Radboud Fund, is the initiative of Dr Kino Jansonius-Schultheiss. In her working life, she was a speech therapist and clinical linguist. She conducted research on speech and language development in babies at the University of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam University Medical Centre (Amsterdam UMC), among other things.

2. Grants

The RTF provides grants for scientific research in line with the fund's objective of promoting and supporting scientific research aimed at the earliest possible recognition and treatment of language development disorders.

3. Call for applications

The RTF works with annual calls. It is not possible to apply for a grant outside these calls. The starting principles in these grant regulations apply to all RTF calls. The RTF may focus a call on a specific target group or theme.

For each call, the following characteristics and conditions will be clearly stated:

- the time frame of the call;
- the amount available from the call and possibly per research project;
- what the grant may be spent on. The focus of the RTF is on research. Costs for materials, conference attendance, valorisation and implementation can be reimbursed as part of a research project;
- the content focus, for example a specific scientific field;
- the procedure and manner of assessment.

4. Preconditions

- a) The RTF encourages collaboration between universities, practical institutions and other stakeholders. It is based at Radboud University and Radboud University Medical Center. This does not mean that the main applicant must be employed at Radboud University or Radboud university medical center. However, each application will need to indicate how at least one researcher from Radboud University or Radboud University Medical Center will be involved.
- b) To submit an application, the "Radboud TOS Fund Application" form is used (link to downloadable form).
- c) Budget:
 - A specific budget is made available in each RTF call.

- Each RTF call indicates how this will be distributed over how many research projects.
 - Financial matching or co-financing in kind is highly appreciated.
- d) Required appendices with the application:
- CV of the main applicant.
 - Letter from the organisation where the main applicant works, showing that the submitted research proposal is embedded in the organisation and implementation is feasible.
- e) As the main applicant, you can apply for an RTF grant no more than twice.
- f) Incomplete applications and applications received after the closing date of a call will not be considered.
- g) Your application must be complete and contain all the relevant information required for proper assessment. If your application lacks essential components, the RTF reserves the right not to consider your application.
- h) Applications must be submitted to Lisette Pals, the administrative secretary of the Advisory Committee of RTF, at lisette.pals@ru.nl.

5. Assessment procedure and criteria

- a) Submitted applications will be assessed by the RTF's Advisory Committee. The current composition of the Advisory Committee can be found [here](#) (link to website).
- b) Assessment criteria:
1. Quality of the research design
 2. Academic relevance
 3. Social impact
 4. Feasibility
 5. Budget
- c) After an initial assessment round, the advisory committee may enter a written consultation round.
- d) The Advisory Committee will advise the Board of the Radboud Fund, which will formally award the grants.

6. Accountability

- a) When a grant is awarded, it is specified at which times the RTF will receive an (interim) report on the progress of the project and when it will receive the final report (within 3 months of the end date of the research). The final report includes a content component (e.g. an article we can use as RTF in our communications) and a final financial statement. Once awarded, a format for reporting will be made available.