



Call for Applications: TULIPS - Auxilium & Caritas Award 2026

Deadline: Before June 15th, 2026

Are you a clinician scientist in Child Health, within 3 years of your PhD graduation*, looking for opportunities to start your own research project? Apply for the TULIPS - Auxilium & Caritas Award!

What is TULIPS?

To stimulate high-quality research with a significant impact on child health, TULIPS has the mission to empower young clinical scientists to become international competitive researchers. To this extent, we offer two highly differentiated competitive educational curricula for clinical scientists in different phases of their careers: The TULIPS PhD Curriculum and the TULIPS Postdoc Curriculum. In addition, TULIPS organizes several workshops and training weekends to support young clinical scientists in their professional development.

What is the TULIPS - Auxilium & Caritas Award?

The TULIPS - Auxilium & Caritas Award is a **priming grant**, intended to provide a young, talented researcher in Child Health with the opportunity to take the next step towards becoming an independent scientist. The grant will be awarded to one talented postdoctoral investigator. The grant provides €10,000,- for one year. The grant should be spent on protected research time during a clinical appointment to perform pilot research for a future grant proposal and make the next essential step in one's career towards future leadership and clinical impact.

Who may apply for the TULIPS - Auxilium & Caritas Award?

Eligible candidates are ambitious, enthusiastic researchers who:

- Are within 3 years after PhD graduation*
- Are/will be employed in a TULIPS partner center#
- Have a full-time or part-time clinical position in Child Health, e.g. in pediatric medicine, biomedical sciences, psychology, sociology, physical therapy, nutrition and dietetics, remedial education, obstetrics, nursing, etc.
- The Award is intended to enable a young talented scientist to make the next step in his/her career. The Award is not intended for ongoing research.

How to apply?

To apply for the TULIPS – Auxilium & Caritas Award, the following documents should be submitted:

- The applicant's curriculum vitae
- Letter of motivation, which includes a statement describing the expected impact of the research grant on the academic and/or professional trajectory of the applicant
- Outline of the study proposal and budget (max 2 A4 total)
- Signed letter of support by the applicant's mentor, stating his/her mentorship throughout the duration of the project
- Signed letter of support from the head of the department from the host institution, confirming that the applicant will be enabled to perform the proposed research
- In case you want to request for an extension, please indicate the reason in your application (e.g. caring responsibilities as a parent, care leave, long-term illness and/or completed training as a clinical specialist)

Applications should be written in English, and submitted **before June 15th, 2026**

to: info@tulipsforchildhealth.nl

Selection criteria

All applications will be evaluated by the TULIPS – Auxilium & Caritas selection committee. If the applicant fulfills the eligibility criteria, the application will be assessed based on: cv (max 5 points), proposal clarity (max 2 points), feasibility (max 2 points), relevance (max 2 points), originality (max 2 points) and methodologies (max 2 points), and the letter of motivation (max 5 points).

Report

The winner of the award is required to submit a written report to TULIPS within 12 months after their project has been granted.

Timeline

- Application deadline: **before** June 15th, 2026
- Notification of results to applicants: July, 2026
- Award Ceremony: During our PhD weekend, either October 2nd or 3rd, 2026

* An extension clause will be applied according to the NWO extension clause (maximum 5 years). Please see <https://www.nwo.nl/en/extension-clause> whether you are eligible for this extension.

TULIPS Partner Centers are:

Amalia Kinderziekenhuis (Radboudumc)

Emma Kinderziekenhuis (Amsterdam UMC)

Prinses Máxima Centrum

Sophia Kinderziekenhuis (Erasmus MC)

Wilhelmina Kinderziekenhuis (UMC Utrecht)

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