



## Checklist Pilot Project Support Proefdiervrij

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This checklist should be filled in when applying for support from Proefdiervrij for pilot projects. These are small projects that are set up to gather initial data for new ideas. The result of pilot projects should provide a starting point for applying for larger funding programs. Proefdiervrij provides a maximum of €5.000 (*five thousand*) per project. Applications can be sent in at any time as long as the budget available from Proefdiervrij is not exhausted.

This form contains 4 sections. Please fill out the questions as thoroughly as possible.

*Note: requests for project support are considered in the last week of each calendar month. The last applications for each calendar year can be send in until 15 December.*

### Section 1. Background information

Title of project

Name and email contact person

Name and email PI (if applicable)

Address main applicant

What kind of support are you looking for? Please specify an amount and short justification of the budget.

Provide a short description of the proposed project



## Section 2. Conditions for Funding

We do not (co-)fund projects that use slaughterhouse material or animal species falling outside the definition of the Animal Experiments Act (Wet op de Dierproeven).

Is the research both 100% free of laboratory animals and does it not involve animals in any other way?

Yes                      No

Is Fetal Calf Serum used in the project?

Yes                      No

if so, are there FCS-free or preferably animal-free options available and would you be willing to use/explore them? Please consult [fcs-free.org](https://www.fcs-free.org) to check for an alternative. Could finding an FCS replacement be added as a project goal?

*Note: as of 2026 we will not (co)fund projects that use FCS anymore.*

Are any other animal-derived products used in the project? (Matrigel, antibodies etc.) If yes, specify which ones and whether you are making efforts to replace these with animal-free products.



## Section Communication

Proefdiervrij is a foundation that relies on private donations. This means that we have to communicate about the projects that we support, in order to raise funds (e.g. through social media, website or newsletters). For each project we draw up a communications agreement together with you to stipulate the conditions. If communication with a fundraising goal is not allowed, we cannot financially support the project.

I am aware of the fact that Proefdiervrij will communicate about the project to the general public in order to raise funds and that a communication agreement will be drawn up to stipulate the conditions. I am willing to cooperate with these communication outings.

Agree                      Disagree

What is the potential impact of this project on the use of animals? Describe how animals are replaced, which animals and give an estimate of the number of animals. The Allures database of the EU can for instance give an idea of how many animals are currently used in your field of interest.

I am personally motivated to work without the use of animals because:



#### Section 4. Future outlook

Why is it necessary to set up this pilot project?

After the pilot project is completed, what would be the next step? How is this pilot going to help you in the future?

#### Signature

By submitting this application to Proefdiervrij, I declare that I have filled out this form truthfully.

Name

Place

Date

Signature