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# Brains Unlimited Pioneer Fund

For a better understanding of how we work...

THE BRAINS UNLIMITED PIONEER FUND SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE PROJECTS. THESE PILOT STUDIES AIM TO GENERATE A PROOF-OF-EVIDENCE THAT SUBSTANTIATES AND INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD OF FURTHER GRANT FUNDING FOR FOLLOW-UP RESEARCH.

## How can research benefit?

The Brains Unlimited Pioneer Fund has been established to support research that increases our understanding of the human body and how it functions. This Fund is made possible by the Limburg University Fund and is a rolling fund, with multiple submission deadlines each year. Applications are reviewed by an expert advisory committee and assessed based on scientific rationale, novelty, and plans for follow-on research and opportunities for further funding.

### ► The conditions are

- The applicant is a researcher with an appointment at Maastricht University;
- Research projects should preferably be interdisciplinary and allow for collaboration with external partners;
- The application demonstrates that the next steps have been well considered;
- The grant funds can only be used to support the use of the MRI scanners within the Brains Unlimited facility;
- To retain a focus on pilot projects, each proposal is limited at a maximum of 10 scanner hours;
- No costs for personnel will be reimbursed.



### ► Deadline:

There will be multiple calls for new project proposals each year. The application form, the exact deadlines for submissions and details on the technological specifications and capabilities that are available for use in these pilot projects are available on the website of Brains Unlimited [www.brains-unlimited.com/research](http://www.brains-unlimited.com/research)

## How can you contribute?

**Your support is needed to enhance the chances of success for innovative research projects carried out on the world-leading technology within the Brains Unlimited scanner lab. Your donation can lead to ground-breaking scientific discoveries about the human brain and body. This fund ensures that your money is well spent, and that it is only used for the projects of your preference.**

Brains Unlimited, located at the Maastricht Health Campus, is the place where researchers, clinicians, and entrepreneurs bring research from concept to utilisation. Providing an integrated platform for the imaging community, Brains Unlimited helps scientists to find the key to common disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, epilepsy and MS, as well as gain more insight into the development of human behaviour.

Maastricht is home to many research groups that are international leaders in the fields of human imaging, psychology, neuroscience, psychiatry, brain diseases, marketing, decision making, and nutrition - to name just some areas that can benefit from this fund. The expectations of UM and the MUMC+ are therefore extremely high regarding the exciting research opportunities that the new scanner lab offers in terms of our understanding of the body and or brain diseases.

Brains Unlimited is one of the key initiatives of the Maastricht Health Campus profile. In addition to UM and the MUMC+, various other research groups and organisations will also be using the facility. This will ultimately lead to the Maastricht Health Campus being firmly embedded as a leading centre of expertise, while spinoff activities will provide permanent employment opportunities within Maastricht and the region.

### ► Donating to the fund

If you would like to support the good cause that is served by this special fund, please make your contribution to the Limburg University Fund/SWOL specifying "Brains Unlimited Pioneer Fund".

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