# Selection criteria for grant applications Herman Bouma Fund

The HB fund aims to "promote the study of gerontechnology at the national and/or the international level", in particular, "to support the development of young scientists in this field". We define the following selection criteria, based on this aim:

- Grants are available for "Young Researchers". Young does not mean a young calendar age, but young in the field of gerontechnology. For young in the field we apply the limit of up to 8 active research years in a gerontechnology-related domain after completing a PhD.

- Calendar age is not a selection criterion, but the age of the candidate must provide enough career perspective to speak of a stimulating action.

- Candidates should study a topic relevant to the domain of gerontechnology, and the CV, biography or application form should demonstrate prolonged interest in the field of gerontechnology.

- The required minimum level of the candidates is advanced Master student. A completed Master's degree is not a requirement. For Master students, a convincing motivation is required.

- A minimum of 1 reference is required (always!).

- For a conference trip, there should be an active contribution to the conference in the form of at least an oral or poster presentation. If the acceptance status is not yet known, the grant can be given conditionally. An abstract should be included in the application documentation.

- For a grant that is requested for a purpose other than a conference (education / research / ..), a clear or detailed program for the trip should be described in the application. Grants are also available for the organization of a symposium at the defense of a doctoral dissertation. This possibility is also described in the policy plan of the HB Fund.

- A candidate can only be awarded a grant once.

- An application must be submitted prior to the trip. Payment of the grant is done after completion of a testimonial, which is normally after the participation at the conference.

- Co-financing is considered as an additional recommendation.