

## **Assessment procedure Vici round 2012**

The Governing Board of NWO has recently decided that Vici applications should be assessed science-wide. This means that applications from all disciplines (including cross-disciplinary applications) will be compared with each other. The procedure that is set up for assessing the Vici applications in 2012 is described below.

### **Pre-proposal phase**

The Vici assessment procedure is a two-step procedure. On 29 March 2012 the pre-proposals need to be submitted to NWO. Eligible applications will be given an advice to either submit a full, detailed, proposal or not to do so. This advice will be issued by one of three domain committees (alpha/gamma, beta or life sciences). Beginning of June at the latest, applicants will be informed on the outcome of the assessment by the secretary of the domain committee that assessed the application.

### **Detailed proposals**

Detailed proposals need to be submitted to NWO on August 28 2012 at the latest. After the eligibility check, applications are sent to independent referees by the various NWO science divisions. The applications, together with the comments from the referees and the rebuttal from the applicant, are sent to the science-wide assessment committee. This committee will select approximately 60 applicants with the highest chances of obtaining a Vici grant for an interview. After the interviews, which are expected to be held in December 2012, about 30 candidates will be nominated for a Vici grant. The Governing Board is expected to take a final decision in January 2013.