

BRIGHT SPARKS SUBMISSION CRITERIA

We are pleased to announce a dedicated Bright Sparks plenary session.

This session aims to shine a spotlight on promising young scientists. PhD students or junior postdoctoral fellows who have recently completed a cutting-edge research project are warmly invited to submit their candidacy.

From the list of applicants, four candidates will be selected to give an oral presentation in the plenary session. A designated committee will then select the next “Bright Spark in Immunology”, who will receive a € 500 prize.

Please adhere to each of the following submission criteria regarding your ‘Bright Spark’ abstract:

- You must be the presenting/main author of the abstract;
- You must be a PhD student or junior postdoctoral fellow (max. 2 years post-PhD) at the time the research was conducted;
- During the submission process you must indicate that your abstract should be considered for an ORAL presentation in the ‘Bright Sparks’ session in addition to a regular submission for an ORAL presentation in one of the parallel sessions.
- You may submit only one abstract for ‘Bright Sparks’ consideration (if you are the main author on multiple abstracts)
- You are required to submit the following additional documents:
 1. a motivation letter (max. 1 page)
 2. a narrative CV (max. 2 pages)
 3. a recommendation letter from your PhD supervisor, including their email address

Please send all requested documents to the NVvI Secretariat at: info@nvvi-dsi.nl

Submission deadline: Friday 25 September 2026 - 23:59 hrs.

Selection outcome

If selected for the Bright Sparks session, your abstract will not be eligible for oral presentation in another session during the congress. However, if you are not selected, your abstract will still be considered for an oral presentation in the regular parallel sessions.