Frequently Asked Questions

1. **I don't live or work in the Netherlands. Can I apply?**
   You may apply provided there is a Dutch affiliation, i.c. a research institution, with whom the KB can have a secondment arrangement. Contact us at dh@kb.nl and we'll discuss your options.

2. **I want to use my own dataset. Is that possible?**
   Sure! As long as you also use one of the datasets of the KB and it doesn't limit the publication of the project end results.

3. **I don't know how to code, is that a problem?**
   Not at all. We have skilled research software engineers who can help you with your project

4. **I don't speak Dutch. Is your content still interesting to me?**
   That depends on your research question. It might not be so appealing to linguists, however your research may offer a novel collection for computer scientists. Contact us to see which collections we have and we can discuss what might be the most interesting dataset for you.

5. **Can I submit a project that I've submitted previously (at another institution)?**
   We'd like you to submit an original idea. We always appreciate projects that haven't been done before. Projects applied previously or used for a similar program may be adapted to match our criteria before resubmitting. Please contact us for this last option.

6. **Can I also work fulltime on my project for a period of 3 months?**
   No, we prefer you to work part-time so you can spend a total of 6 months with us. This also allows you to continue your research or teaching obligations at your university. We found that time catches up quickly and having six months to work with us ensures time for processing and sometimes even holidays.

7. **Will you be able to reimburse any housing or hotel costs?**
   Unfortunately, when you come from outside the Netherlands, we are not able to find and fund your housing or pay for your travel expenses to the Netherlands. However, we do fund travel costs within the Netherlands allowing you to come to and work in the KB, the Hague, wherever you are based in the Netherlands; unless the institution you work for already reimburses these costs.

8. **I want to use my own programmer, can I?**
   Yes. We even encourage you to bring in team members, e.g. students, if you need more specialised assistance. Adding team members will be done budget neutral, you will not receive additional budget. If you want to know whether we can help you or if you should bring someone in, please contact us at dh@kb.nl.

9. **I don't know if my idea is what you're looking for. What can I do?**
   You are most welcome to contact us at dh@kb.nl to discuss your ideas and the possibilities. You're also encouraged to reserve a consultation slot; please check the agenda at the KB Lab.

10. **Can I submit more than one project?**
    Please focus your efforts on one great project.

11. **Who will be assessing the proposals?**
    The entries will be assessed by an external committee of representative experts with relevant research fields from several Dutch universities and institutions.

12. **What are the criteria of the assessment?**
    The proposals will be assessed on the following criteria: originality and quality of the proposal, feasibility (technically, legally and practically), how the KB data will be showcased and used, whether the end results are of use for a wider community, and what the link is to the KB Research Agenda and/or the Cultural AI Lab research themes.

13. **What happens if I submit a plagiarized project?**
    When we notice your project is plagiarized, we will not consider your application for placement. You are responsible for the originality and authenticity of the project, but we will keep our eyes open.

14. **What happens to any software I write for my project?**
All software in the projects, whether you or we write it, will be made available on the KB Lab and Github page under an open source license.

15. **What happens to the data I collect/produce in my project?**
At the KB Lab we try to be as open as possible. All data produced in the programme is to be made available for research purposes, either through the KB Lab, KB Data Services or DANS, and where possible will receive an open license. This is, however, not always possible since we must respect existing intellectual property rights (e.g. copyright) owned by third parties.

16. **Can I publish any papers about the project?**
Yes, we even encourage you to do so, but do not make it mandatory. If necessary, we're happy to help. You must publish in open access. If you think this is not possible, let us know and we will try to find a solution to open up your work.

17. **Can I work less than the required 0.5 fte on the project?**
Yes, if you have valid arguments (e.g. teaching, administration, management, or research outside of the subsidized project) why you cannot spend 0.5 fte on your KB Reseacher-in-residence project, the KB will take this into account. Mention it on the application form.

18. **Can I spend less than 1 day a week at the KB during the project?**
Yes, if you have valid arguments (e.g. place of residence outside of the Netherlands, or research outside of the subsidized project abroad) why you cannot spend 1 day a week on KB premises, the KB will take this into account. Mention it on the application form. However, you will be expected to work at the KB for a minimum of 4 visits of multiple days.

19. **Is there a possibility to prolong the submission criteria?**
Yes. The program has a time limit, which stipulates that researchers may submit an application up to 5 years after obtaining their PhD. Candidates who are unable to submit a proposal within the allotted time period can receive an extension with a maximum of one year in the event of maternity leave, parental care leave, care leave and/or extended sick leave. Indicate on the application form that you wish to be considered for the extension clause.