## **BRIGHT SPARKS SUBMISSION CRITERIA**

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

The aim of this session is to put the young bright talents in the spotlight. PhD students or junior postdoctoral fellows who have completed a cutting edge research project are most welcome to put forward their candidacy. From the list of all candidates, 4 are nominated to give an oral presentation in the large auditorium before an audience of peers, after which a designated committee will select the next 'Bright Spark in Immunology', who is entitled to a prize of €500.

Please read the following submission criteria carefully, before submitting your abstract for the 'Bright Sparks':

- You must be the presenting/main author of the abstract
- You are a PhD student or junior postdoctoral fellow (maximally 2 years post-PhD) at the time of the performed research
- During the submission process you must indicate that your work should be considered for an ORAL presentation in the 'Bright Sparks' session <u>in addition</u> to your regular submission for an ORAL presentation in one of the parallel sessions.
- You may only nominate a single abstract for the 'Bright Sparks' (in the event that you are main author on more than one abstract)
- You will be required to provide the following additional documents:
  - 1. a motivation letter (max 1 page)
  - 2. a CV (max 2 pages)
  - 3. a recommendation letter of your PhD supervisor, including his/her email address

Send it all together by email to the NVVI secretariat (nvvi@amsterdamumc.nl).

In case you are selected for participation in the 'Bright Sparks' event, the same abstract will not be selected for oral presentation in another session during the congress. However, in case you are not selected you remain eligible for an oral presentation in the regular parallel sessions.