

Call for proposals: UM ETHICS AND INTEGRITY GRANTS

The UM Platform for Research Ethics and Integrity (UM PREI) invites proposals from UM staff on initiatives related to research ethics and scientific integrity. This small Grant of maximum 10k EUR can be used for a project or activity aiming to facilitate Good Conduct of Research of our research community.

The grants aim to foster bottom-up, innovative actions and research, contributing to the **aims** of the Platform:

- Raise awareness of research ethics and scientific integrity among UM staff and students;
- Stimulate openness and discussion on the challenges and dilemmas encountered in the area of research ethics and integrity;
- Facilitate the sharing of best practices and activities in the area of research ethics and integrity;
- Align, where needed, UM codes and practices with EU codes of conduct;
- Contribute to training on research ethics and scientific integrity for both students and staff;
- Organize UM-wide seminars on relevant topics; and
- Communicate with internal and external stakeholders about research ethics and integrity.

In this way, the grants will generate ideas, events and measures that can have a direct impact on UM policy.

Annually a total budget of € 10,000 is available. Per proposal a budget of between € 1,000 and € 10,000 can be requested. Proposals must comply with the following **requirements**:

- Proposals must concern new activities or clear extensions of existing activities. Existing activities (which will take place anyway) will not be funded;
- The main applicant must be a member of UM staff, but cooperation between staff and students is welcomed. The main applicant maintains overall responsibility for the project;
- The maximum duration of projects is 12 months from the date specified in the award;
- No co-financing is required, meaning that the activities can be funded 100% from the grant;
- Winners of grants must submit a final report within one month of the end of the project analyzing the results and impacts achieved, and specification of the budget spent.

Proposals will be selected based on the following **criteria**:

- Relevance for research ethics and scientific integrity;
- Link to the aims of the Platform for Research Ethics and Integrity (described above);
- Potential impact on research ethics and scientific integrity at UM;
- Quality of work plan;
- Feasibility of the work plan;
- Budget plan.

Interested? The call will take place in two stages. In the first stage, if you are interested please send a 300 words abstract to platformrei@maastrichtuniversity.nl by 30th of November 2021. Please add in subject 'UM Ethics and integrity grants'. We will notify all applicants of the first round results December 16 2021. The selected candidates will be invited to fill out an application form. This application form will be due December 15, 2020. We will announce the final winners January 2022.

If you have any questions about the grants, please send an email to Maria Vivas-Romero at platformrei@maastrichtuniversity.nl