

Dear all,

Please find below the latest edition of the SHE Funding & MUMC+ Prize Alert.

The research funding alert presents a selection of upcoming open calls and deadlines (*≥ End of November 2023*):

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 - UM - Call for Proposals Seed Fund “Transition to a fossil-free society”, incl application form – 15 December, 2023
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Hopefully this overview provides you potential funding possibilities. For additional information related to calls not mentioned and with deadlines in the near future, please feel free to contact me.

If you decide to prepare a grant proposal, please inform your project administrator at SHE, Sandy Quaden, well in time for the budget, especially when (faculty) matching is required.

Please note that we have a licence with the searchable funding database [ResearchConnect](#). This is available for all UM/ MUMC+ researchers. You can set alerts to receive the latest information on opportunities in your area of research.

Let me know if you are looking for smaller funds. The grants office has a subscription to the ‘zorgsubsidiekalender’, a database for (smaller) national and regional funds.

If you would like to plan ahead and discuss (other) research funding possibilities further in the future (e.g. funding roadmap), please contact me for support.

Within the grants office we switched towards specialities, I will stay the main SHE contact person, but it could be that I refer you to a colleague pending on the specific question you ask. E.g. Gwynned de Looijer is the colleague for the European fellowships as ERC and MSCA grants. My specialities are the NWO talent scheme, TKI-LSH and the European Research Health Programmes.

Best wishes,

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SHE Funding Alert

National Individual Research Funding

[NWO – Rubicon](#)

Rubicon offers talented researchers who have completed their doctorates in the past year the chance to gain experience at a top research institution outside the Netherlands.

Max. funding: salary and allowances for max. 2 years

Deadline: 28 November 2023

[ZonMw – Clinical Fellowship 2023](#)

The Clinical Fellows program gives doctoral medical specialists who are at the start of their scientific career the opportunity to set up their first line of scientific research.

Max. funding: €200K (plus min 25% in cash/in-kind co-financing)

Deadline:

- Project idea: 5 December 2023
- Full proposal: 14 May 2024

[NWO - Talent Programme Vici](#)

Researchers who have obtained their PhD no more than 15 years ago.

Max. funding: €1.5 mln for 5 yrs.

Expected deadlines:

- Pre-proposal: March 2024
- Full proposal: September 2024

[MUMC+ – Kootstra Talent Fellowship \(KTF\)](#)

Internal funding program for researchers who:

1) obtained their PhD degree at the UM-FHML within 1 year of the application deadline, or 2) are finalizing their PhD at the UM-FHML.

Max. funding: 50% of salary costs (10.4) and some research costs, the remaining 50% should be matched by the School/Institute.

Deadline (expected): 1 April 2024

International/EU Individual Research Funding

[Horizon Europe – ERC Consolidator \(ERC-CoG-2024\)](#)

Scientific excellence. For researchers of any nationality with 7-12 years of experience since completion of PhD.

Max. funding: €2.0 mln for 5 yrs. Additionally, up to €1 mln can be requested.

Deadline: 12 December 2023 (Open 12 September 2023)

[Horizon Europe – ERC Advanced \(ERC-ADV-2024\)](#)

Scientific excellence. For leading researchers who have a track-record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years.

Max. Lump Sum funding: €2.5 mln for 5 yrs. Additionally, up to €1 mln can be requested.

Deadline: 29 August 2024 (open: 29 May 2024)

National Collaborative Research Funding

[NRO – Working Together on Education Quality in the Region 2024](#)

‘Samenwerken aan onderwijskwaliteit in de regio’ is a grant for regional networks. The grant can be used for research activities and knowledge utilisation.

Max. funding: €550k

Deadlines:

- Statement of intent: 25 January 2024
- Pre-registration: 29 February 2024
- Full proposal: 1 October 2024

[Pre-announcements NRO calls:](#)

- **edVenturous Questions: high-risk/high-gain education research** – Exp. publication date: Fall 2023
- **Research into educational innovation 2023** – Exp. publication date: October 2023
- **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) 2023/2024** – Exp. publication date: October 2023/Summer 2024
- **Higher education for the future 2023** – Exp. publication date: November 2023
- **Kennis voor onderwijs van de toekomst - tweede grote ronde (Klein - Middel - Groot)** – Exp. publication date: 2024
- **Onderzoek naar onderwijsvernieuwing 2024** – Exp. publication date: February/March 2024
- **Opschalingsbeurs voor innovaties 2024** – Exp. publication date: Spring 2024
- **Comeniusprogramma 2025 - Teaching, Senior en Leadership Fellows** – Exp. publication date: Summer 2024
- **Grote vragen van het hoger onderwijs 2025** - Exp. publication date: Fall 2024
To fund practice-oriented research by consortia into questions that are relevant to higher education in the Netherlands as a whole over the next 10 years.

[UM-Call for Proposals Seed Fund “Transition to a fossil-free society”](#)

UM is convinced of the urgent state our climate is in and recognises the need to act decisively to limit further damage. At the same time, we also see the complexity of the situation and the dilemmas we face as a society: acutely stopping the use of fossil fuels, for example, would collapse our entire food and healthcare systems, among other things.

Match-making event ‘Transition to Fossil-Free’

In order to foster collaboration between researchers of different faculties, SUM2030 will organize a so-called match-making event. This match-making event will take place on Tuesday, November 16th, from 14.30 – 18.00. Location to be determined. Registration is mandatory. Please send an email to sustainability@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

In the annex you find the call and application form

ZonMw – Incentive for Pandemic Preparedness

Research incentives that contributes to the objectives of the Pandemic Preparedness Knowledge Program and this call, that includes the following topics:

- Research into pandemic resilience
- Research into immunology and pathogenesis for pathogens with pandemic potential
- Research for pandemic preparedness in the Caribbean
- Development and research of innovative ideas related to pandemic preparedness.

Max. funding: €50K per project (9 months). The total budget for this round is €1Million.

Deadline: continuously till 15 January 2024. If the budget is exhausted before the closing date is reached, the call will close.

NWO – NRFU Partnership Initiative 2023 – Hop-On Call for Proposals for Researchers Based in Ukraine

The aim of this call is to stimulate *online participation* of qualified researchers in Ukraine from all scientific disciplines in ongoing NWO projects and to expand their professional network in the Dutch research community. Project leaders of an ongoing (or soon to start) NWO study are temporarily given the opportunity to have part of the project carried out at a knowledge institution in Ukraine by a researcher there.

Max. funding: €25.000

Deadline: 8 April 2024

International Collaborative Research Funding

Spencer Foundation Large Research Grants (two-stage)

Funding to support intellectually ambitious academic work that will contribute to the improvement of education. The overall goal is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education. There is a two-stage application process consisting of a mandatory Intent to Apply proposal followed by a full application.

Max.funding: \$500,000 (€ 474,338).

Deadline: intent to apply proposal 24 January 2024

Horizon Europe – Cluster 2

- [HORIZON-CL2-2024-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-10](#) **Effective Education and Labour Market Transitions of Young People**

Promoting successful transitions from education to the labour market has been one of the core European Commission policy activities since the outburst of the Great Recession. Proposals should use quantitative and qualitative methods to analyse transitions between educational levels (including between general education and vocational training) and/or between education/training and the labour market and improve the evidence base for policy decisions by *addressing several interrelated research questions*, such as: what are the determinants of participation and completion rates in upper secondary and tertiary education and how can they evolve in the post-COVID world? What are the implications of COVID-19 on learning mobility and on graduates' labour market outcomes? How do

education outcomes interact with sources of disadvantage in defining labour market outcomes of young people? How can vocational education and training institutions adapt to the future of education and work, including the digital transition?

Deadline: 7 February 2024

[MSCA Staff Exchanges programme](#)

The aim of the scheme is to develop sustainable collaborative projects between different organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe and beyond. Exchanged staff benefit from new knowledge, skills and career development perspectives, while participating organisations increase their research and innovation capacities. The project should enable networking activities and the organisation of workshops and conferences, to facilitate sharing of knowledge and testing of innovative approaches for specific R&I topics. Staff Exchanges projects can last up to four years. Staff Exchanges are open to international consortia of universities, research institutions, businesses, SMEs and other non-academic organisations.

Deadline: 28 February 2024

Hop-on facility

- **[HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-06](#)**

The Hop On Facility allows for legal entities from low R&I performing countries to join already selected collaborative R&I actions, subject to the agreement of the respective consortium and provided that legal entities from such countries are not yet participating in it. Main selection criteria are excellence and added value of the new partner performing a relevant additional task in the project.

Deadline: 26 September 2024

[Upcoming Interreg Euregio Maas Rijn](#)

Interreg Euregio Maas-Rhine provides subsidies to projects in which partners work together across borders. Their investment priorities are innovation, economy, education and social inclusion and cross-border cooperation.

Expected in Q1 2024

Smaller Research Funding – (Continuously) open for application

[KNAW Van Walree Fonds](#)

Scientific researchers can apply for a financial contribution for new activities or products that enable sustainable, internationally widely accessible knowledge sharing about medical-scientific research. Destinations include developing a data dashboard, facilitating an online meeting or projects that enable innovative ways to collaborate.

Max.funding: €10,000

Deadline: 30 November 2023

[Fulbright-Schuman Grants Available for Research and Study in the United States 2024-2025](#)

These mobility grants will support postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers from any EU Member State to undertake comparative EU-US research or study in America for between three and nine months. The topic of research must have a strong EU component.

Awards are available to conduct research, or lecture on a topic that is relevant to US-EU relations, EU affairs/policy, or EU institutions and shows relevancy to at least two EU member states. Projects that do not meet this requirement should be submitted through the [local Fulbright Program](#) in the applicant's country of citizenship. Candidates must arrange their own placement at an accredited university or a non-profit research institution. EU citizens are each allowed to apply for only one Fulbright grant per year.

Awards consist of *a monthly stipend of* €3,000 for scholars or €2,000 for students, plus an allowance of €2,000 for travel costs, as well as visa sponsorship and insurance.

Deadline: 1 December 2023 (12:00 CET).

[Spencer Foundation Small Research Grants](#)

Funding to support innovative academic work that will contribute to the improvement of education.

Max.funding: \$50,000. Supplemental course release funds of up to \$10,000 can be requested (on top of the \$50,000 grant), meaning the total grant can be up to \$60,000.

Deadline: 6 December 2023

[NRO – Knowledge utilisation Plus](#)

Main applicants of an ongoing or just completed NRO project can apply for funding of products or activities that promote the knowledge utilisation of their research project.

Max. funding: €10.000

[NWO – Impact explorer](#)

A small top-up, for *ongoing* research-projects in the open competition or talent line, to explore an unforeseen opportunity for impact.

The purpose is to explore opportunities for societal impact arising from curiosity-driven research. These are opportunities and ideas that were not anticipated in advance when the project plan was made, but have emerged during the lifetime of a project.

Max. funding: €30.000

[Studio Europa Maastricht \(SEM\) – Seed Funding](#)

The UM-wide SEM research agenda actively supports Maastricht University's *research on Europe and European integration*. To this aim, 6 research calls are available to interdisciplinary teams of UM researchers with the goal to encourage innovative and high quality, interdisciplinary research.

All UM researchers can apply for the seed funding.

For questions or advice about these calls, you can contact the grants office and/or Prof Dr K. Czabanowska, member of the academic Board of SEM

- [Call 1: Interdisciplinary research projects](#)

Aim is to support and stimulate the academic career of early career scholars by providing them with dedicated research time focused on high quality, interdisciplinary research. Expected outcome: joint peer-reviewed publication.

Max. funding: salary cost of the involved researchers (4 months per team).

- [Call 2: Preparing a large grant application or building a strategic consortium](#)

Aim is to stimulate large grant applications and strategic consortia with a focus on the high impact national grants (e.g. NWO, NWA) and the larger European funds (e.g. ERC, Horizon Europe). The freed time is meant to prepare the application of research funding or to establish a large-scale consortium, not for the execution of the research itself.

Max. funding: salary cost of the involved researchers (4 months per team).

- [Call 3: Research on \(EU\)regional and European transition challenges](#)

Aim is to facilitate the preparation and execution of interdisciplinary research that leads to societal and scientific breakthroughs within clearly defined Euregional and/or European transitional challenges high on the EU agenda.

Max. funding: salary cost of the involved researchers (4 months per team) plus max. €5000 to facilitate consortium building and creation of societal impact.

- [Call 4: Policy briefs](#)

This call applies to UM researchers who wish to publish their research in a policy brief, as part of the SEM Policy Brief series. Scientific findings are translated into advice on policy making in a broad sense, including agenda setting for policy makers and societal partners.

Max. funding: € 2500,-

- [Call 5: Workshops and symposia](#)

This call is for UM researchers from (at least) two faculties, who wish to organise an interdisciplinary academic event such as a workshop, symposium or conference in line with one or more of the 4 SEM themes.

Max. funding: € 5000. Co-funding is required for (at least) 15% of the overall budget.

- [Call 6: Postdoctoral researchers](#) *Call is currently closed*

Every two year, SEM recruits 4 talented postdoctoral researchers with a proven interdisciplinary basis. These positions are open to internal and external early-career researchers, who recently obtained a PhD degree or close to acquiring one and who are linked to each of the four themes of the SEM research agenda.

[Universiteitsfonds Limburg \(SWOL\)](#)

SWOL annually awards grants to UM employees for research and education projects and the organisation of conferences and workshops. An independent Grants committee, evaluates the submitted proposals three times a year on the basis of predetermined criteria.

[Nestlé Foundation](#)

- [Study of Problems of Nutrition in the World](#)

The foundation initiates and supports research in human nutrition with public health relevance in low-income and lower middle-income countries according to the World Bank classification. The results of the research projects should ideally provide a basis for implementation and action which will lead to sustainable effects in the studied populations as generally applicable to the population at large. The foundation's work is primarily concerned with human nutrition research issues dealing with:

- Maternal and child nutrition, including breastfeeding and complementary feeding.
- Macro- and micronutrient deficiencies and imbalances.
- Interactions between infection and nutrition.

- *Nutrition education and health promotion.*

Max. funding: € 300.000

- [Other type of grants](#)

The Foundation offers different research grant categories, some of them using a modular approach, i.e. the Pilot Grant Program represents actually the starting module for a later Full Grant Research Application. The eligibility criteria as well as the Research objectives and topics have to be fulfilled independently from the grant category. See the website for potential grants: training-, pilot-, re-entry-, small and large research grants.

[NWO – Cooperation Germany - von Humboldt Stiftung \(VHS\)](#)

NWO awards 2 prizes a year to German senior researchers, who have been nominated by Dutch researchers. The aim is to encourage international collaboration between excellent researchers.

Max. funding: €207.500 per 6 month period

[NWO – Open Access Books](#)

Funding of the costs of Open Access publishing of academic books that result from NWO funding.

[NWO – Open Science Fund 2023 - pakket 23-1](#) (*Deadlines: 9 May and 26 September 2023*)

The fund aims to support researchers to develop, test and implement innovative ways of making research open, accessible, transparent and reusable, covering the whole range of Open Science.

Max. funding: €50.000

[FULBRIGHT \(mobility\)](#)

For Dutch students, PhD students, and scholars to study, conduct research, or teach in the US.

FHML-Maastricht UMC+ Prize alert

An overview of all awards, by career phase, can be found via the following website <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/faculties/health-medicine-and-life-sciences/research/prizes-and-awards>.

For questions please contact Els Swennen (els.swennen@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

FHML-Maastricht UMC+ Prize alert

January 2024

Faces of Science

Faces of Science is an online place that gives the visitor insight into the life of the researcher via blogs, videos and articles. The aim is to highlight PhD students from different fields and to show how it is to be a scientist, especially to young people who have to choose a study

Award: Online platform

Career phase: PhD

Nominator: Member of KNAW and Jonge Akademie

Internal selection: No

Deadline: January 15, 2024 - Call for nominations will open on October 6, 2023

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Prix Galien Research Award

Awarded to a scientist, or a team of scientists, for direct and substantial contribution to fundamental or clinical drug research

Award: Eur 5,000 and a gold medal

Career phase: Scientist or team of scientists

Nominator: Dean or researcher

Internal selection: No

Deadline: January 26, 2024 – Call for nominations will open in December 2023

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KNAW Early Career Partnership

The KNAW Early Career Partnerships are intended to encourage early-career researchers to enter into or develop interdisciplinary partnerships that will lead to new insights in basic research across all domains. Up to ten Partnerships are awarded annually. The KNAW Early Career Partnerships are made available from the KNAW Academy Fund

Award: EUR 10,000 to organise an interdisciplinary meeting in the Academy's Trippenhuis complex or another location of their choice.

Career phase: PhD, awarded with a PhD no more than seven years previously

Nominator: Researcher

Internal selection: No

Deadline: January 31, 2024 – Call for nominations will open on November 1, 2023

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For Women in Science Rising Talent Prizes

The aim of the Netherlands L'Oréal-Unesco For Women in Science Rising Talent Prizes is to advance the academic careers of young women researchers in the Netherlands holding a position as PhD candidate or postdoctoral fellow in STEM or Life Sciences, with a maximum of three years post-PhD academic experience. The three annual prizes offers young women researchers an individual award in recognition of their academic achievements and future potential

Award: An individual award of € 3,500, € 2,000 or € 1,000. In addition, the first prize laureate is entitled to be nominated for the International Rising Talents programme of FWIS

Career phase: Young female researchers

Nominator: Researcher

Internal selection: No

Deadline: t.b.a. – Call for nominations will open in autumn 2023

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February 2024

Heineken Prizes

The Heineken Prizes for scientists and scholars recognise and reward unique achievement in the fields of biochemistry and biophysics, medicine, environmental sciences, history and cognitive science

Award: USD 200,000

Career phase: Senior scientist

Nominator: Dean, Professor or Director

Internal selection: No

Deadline: t.b.a. – Call for nominations will open in November 2023

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March 2024

King Faisal Medicine / Science Prize

The King Faisal Medicine/Science Prize recognizes the outstanding works of individuals and institutions. Topic of the 2025 Prize in Science: Physics. Topic of the 2025 Prize in Medicine: Cellular Therapy

Award: Certificate, gold medal and a cheque of SAR 750,000 (an equivalent of USD 200,000)

Career Phase: Senior scientist

Nominator: Rector

Internal selection: **Yes, please send name, CV and motivation to dr. E. Swennen before January 16, 2024**

Deadline: March 31, 2024

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Dutch L'Oréal-Unesco For Women in Science Fellowship

These fellowship grants are intended to advance the academic career of women researchers with 3-6 years after they have finished a PhD. The fellowships offer women researchers a stay in an interdisciplinary and international academic environment at NIAS-KNAW in Amsterdam for a period of one semester. Exempted from regular administrative, (and/or) clinical and teaching tasks, the researchers get the opportunity to focus on broadening and deepening their research and writing publications or grant proposals. In line with the international FWiS-programme, the call for applications for the Dutch fellowships is this year extended to include women researchers from both the Life Sciences and the STEM disciplines.

Award: Two grants of € 30,000 each are available annually to fund the costs of two fellowships at NIAS-KNAW in Amsterdam for the duration of one semester

Career phase: Female researchers with 3-6 years after they have finished a PhD

Nominator: Researcher

Internal selection: No

Deadline: March 1, 2024 – Call for nominations will open in winter 2023

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Innovators in Science Award

This global award recognizes a promising Early-Career Scientist's and an outstanding Senior Scientist's contributions to biomedical science and is intended to support their commitment to innovative research. The 2025 Innovators in Science Award will recognize achievements in: t.b.a.

Award: 2 prizes of US\$200,000

Career Phase: Early career and senior scientist

Nominator: Dean (2 per category)

Internal selection: **Yes, please send name/CV of a possible candidate to dr. E. Swennen before February 16, 2023**

Deadline: March 31, 2024 – Call for nominations will open on February 1, 2024

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Dr. Elizabeth Schram-Mulley Proefschriftprijs Interdisciplinariteit

The Dr. Elizabeth Schram-Mulley (ESM) Foundation will make an annual prize of EUR 10,000 available from 2023 to reward research with a special interdisciplinary character that bridges the boundaries between the classic alpha/beta/gamma scientific fields

Award: EUR 10,000

Career phase: Researcher

Nominator: Professor
Internal selection: No
Deadline: t.b.a. – Call for nominations will open in November 2023
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April 2024

Distinguished NIAZ-Lorentz Fellowship

Leading researcher to work on cutting-edge research at the interface between the humanities and/or social sciences on the one hand and the natural and/or technological sciences on the other

Award: A fellowship at NIAS for 5 months between September – January of the academic year. It includes a personal study, participation in an interdisciplinary community, communal lunch and, if applicable, subsidized accommodation or travel expenses.

A personal stipend or, for scholars affiliated to a Dutch university or research institute, a Dutch University Grant, given to the institution. Both are set on € 2,500 per month.

A workshop at the Lorentz Center on the fellowship topic, with full organizational support and a budget of € 20,000.

Career Phase: Leading researcher

Nominator: Dean

Internal selection: Yes, please send name, CV and motivation to dr. E. Swennen before January 16, 2024

Deadline: April 15, 2024 - Call for nominations will open on January 15, 2024.

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Huibregtsprijs

Awarded to a scientifically innovative research project that convincingly shows societal relevance. 2 domains:

-Exact, Technical, Medical or Natural sciences

-Social sciences or Humanities

Award: Sculpture 'De Denker', EUR 25,000 to spend on research and a workshop offered by Lorentz Center Leiden

Career Phase: Senior scientist

Nominator: MUMC+ and Rector (each 1 nomination per domain)

Internal selection: Yes, please contact the director of your Research Institute before February 13, 2024

Deadline: April 15, 2024 – Call for nominations will open on February 15, 2024

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May 2024

Niels Stensen Fellowship

A postdoctoral research grant which enables talented researchers to gain research experience at a university or institute abroad

Award: Fellowship

Career Phase: Postdoc

Nominator: 2 professors

Internal selection: No

Deadline: May 1, 2024

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Bob Pinedo Cancer Care Award

A prestigious biennial award for internationally acclaimed researchers in (translational) cancer research and compassionate cancer patient care

Award: A bronze sculpture in the form of Professor Pinedo's hand, symbolising both strength and hope of healing, along with EUR 100,000

Career Phase: Researcher (or team of researchers)

Nominator: Director or researcher

Internal selection: No

Deadline: t.b.a. – Call for nominations will open on February 15, 2024

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ANNEX

FHML/MUMC+ - Workshop ResearchConnect

Looking for funding opportunities? However, no idea where to start? Contacting the FHML/MUMC+ Grants Office in combination with using ResearchConnect is the answer!

ResearchConnect is a specialist research-funding database built for and designed by the international research community. Both Maastricht University and MUMC+ employees have free access to ResearchConnect to help you finding (inter)national funding opportunities (from travel- to large consortia grants).

To enable you to get the most of out of ResearchConnect, Aldo Cavalcanti (Idox-ResearchConnect) and the FHML/MUMC+ grants office organize a **workshop on 28th of November from 09:00 – 10:30 to cover the basics**. This should enable you to find funding opportunities in no time, which can be further explored with the subsidy advisor of the FHML/MUMC+ Grants office.

Please register via sending an email to grantsoffice-fhml@maastrichtuniversity.nl

You will receive more information about the location after registration.
Please feel free to forward this invitation to your colleagues.

FHML/MUMC+ Grants Office and Aldo Cavalcanti (Idox-ResearchConnect)

RVO information session: European funding for Health – January 11th

Due to a number of developments and delays in Brussel regarding a number of EU Health programs, the EU Health information session has been postponed to Thursday 11 January (2024).

On *Thursday 11 January from 10.00 until 12.00*, the National Contact Points (NCP) Horizon Europe Health and the funding advisors of FPN and FHML are organizing an in-house information meeting about European funding opportunities. The location of this session is MUMC+, Lambert van Kleeftoren, room: S.N2.007/Verg.zaal 0.04 (route 11 - basement).

During this information meeting, the NCPs will present the Health work programme 2024 of Horizon Europe. They will discuss the different themes of the work programme and how to prepare an application. In addition, they will provide information about related programmes such as EU4Health, mission cancer, IHI and European partnerships, and the opportunities that these programmes offer. If you would like to participate, please register before 8 January using this link:

https://maastrichtuniversity.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eznTJDUGX4FbgPQ

In addition to the general information session, potential main and co-applicants are given the *opportunity to discuss their project ideas* with the NCP Horizon Europe Health in the afternoon (between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.). So, if you are planning to apply for a European Health grant in 2024 and would like to discuss this in a personal, 30 minutes-session with the NCP, then please fill in the RVO template 1 *or* 2 (next page) and send it to grantsoffice-fhml@maastrichtuniversity.nl before 3 January.

For questions, please contact the funding advisor of your faculty and/or Research Institute.

Horizon Europe Programme (HEU) RVO 1-page template

RVO Template 1: To assess a brief concept

Call ID

[insert your topic number / call identifier] e.g., HORIZON-HLTH-2023-STAYHLTH-01-01

Your impact

What is your desired long term impact (10 – 20 years after your project)? How will your project change the world?

The problem:

What is the main problem you are addressing, and why is it a problem?.

Your solution:

What is your solution?

Your plans:

What is your overall plan including a brief description of the innovative methods you intend to use?

Template 2: To build your full project

Call ID
[insert your topic number / call identifier] e.g., HORIZON-HLTH-2023-STAYHLTH-01-01

The problem:	
	What is the main problem you are addressing, and why is it a problem?
	Which stakeholder groups are affected by the problem and how?
	Why are current solutions inadequate?
	What is the urgency, why can a new solution not wait?

Your solution:	
	What is your solution?
	How does it fully address the problem?
	Why can you only now develop the solution, and not e.g., 5 years ago?
	How does your solution make other potential solutions superfluous?

Your impact

What is your long term impact (10 – 20 years after your project)? How will your project change the current situation?

How will stakeholders use your results after your project has ended? What is the scale of these expected outcomes?

What is your strategy to achieve your intended impact?

What are the key hurdles and risks that you will need to overcome?

Your plans:

What is your overall plan including a brief description of the innovative methods you intend to use?

Show how your team/consortium has the right expertise for this project Why are you, and you alone, the right consortium to perform this project?

How are your plans ambitious, yet feasible?

Call for Proposals
Seed Fund
“Transition to a fossil-free society”
Winter 2023

Background and purpose

Similar to governments, industry and the financial world, educational institutions are increasingly being questioned about their role in the transition to climate neutrality, often in the context of cooperation with the fossil fuel industry. UM is convinced of the urgent state our climate is in and recognises the need to act decisively to limit further damage. At the same time, we also see the complexity of the situation and the dilemmas we face as a society: acutely stopping the use of fossil fuels, for example, would collapse our entire food and healthcare systems, among other things. Phasing out is a process of years, even decades.

UM believes that the transition of these systems hinges on interdisciplinary knowledge development and transdisciplinary cooperation. That is why we want to invite UM researchers to submit applications for seed fund projects to establish interdisciplinary and cross-faculty sustainability research collaboration. The aim of the seed fund is to promote strategic research focusing on the transition to a fossil-free society. The seed fund is aimed to promote and fund the first collaborative research, networking and preparation of research funding.

In the future, UM Sustainability Research Spearheads will be a research stronghold and contribute with expertise, a wider span of research methods and innovative approaches to the academic community, companies, policy-makers and society. UM Sustainability Research Spearheads will be

- challenge driven addressing the transition to a fossil-free society
- bridge disciplinary boundaries and involve researchers from at least two UM faculties
- create ties with external stakeholders and show participation of external stakeholders in design and further development of the spearhead (co-creation)
- explore possibilities to contribute to Minors, MSc, Postgraduate and PhD programmes
- are visible and relevant to the needs of research, education, business development, policymaking and/or the wider society.

Match-making event ‘Transition to Fossil-Free’

In order to foster collaboration between researchers of different faculties, SUM2030 will organize a so-called match-making event where researchers will have the opportunity to discuss and interact with each other in order to promote the development of strategic research focusing on the transition to a fossil-free society.

This match-making event will take place on **Tuesday, November 16th**, from **14.30 – 18.00**.

Location to be determined.

Registration is mandatory. Please send an email to sustainability@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

Writing your proposal

Selected proposals in this call will be awarded a seed fund that facilitates:

- establishing strategic collaborations between sustainability researchers within UM
- preparing for external (international) collaboration and research grants.

The seed fund should preferably support new research collaborations or strategically and significantly expand existing research collaborations.

Who can apply?

The call is open for all researchers with a position at UM.

What can be applied?

The maximum requested amount of funding per proposal is €50,000. The own contribution per proposal is at least €5,000 (cash or in-kind, to be specified in the proposal).

Evaluation criteria

Eligibility

- The proposal is submitted by researchers from at least two UM faculties
- The proposal includes a commitment and a specification for the own contribution to the budget

Research quality and originality

The proposal

- demonstrates the added value of the research collaboration, the contributions of different scientific fields and the contribution to a fossil-free society;
- presents a clear strategy to develop a UM Sustainability Research Spearhead;
- provides a concrete plan for identifying (further) external stakeholders such as companies and (local) governments

Team

The applicants

- have a track record in the proposed research field(s)
- are able to attract and engage top researchers and students from UM
- are able to attract and engage different partners across sectors (e.g. business, government)

Impact and future potential

The proposal

- is supported by one or more external stakeholders and/or Brightlands campuses confirmed and specified in a Letter of Support
- clarifies how the researchers will engage with other researchers and/or stakeholders to grow from a seed fund project to a larger research project
- provides a concrete plan for further research support from external funds

Submission of applications

Proposals can be submitted using the application form in the appendix to sustainability@maastrichtuniversity.nl and should not exceed a maximum of five pages. The submission deadline is **December 15th, 2023**.

Evaluation procedure

All proposals will be evaluated by the SUM2030 management team. The Board of Deans will take the decision on the funding of applications on **January 15th, 2024**.

More information

For additional information, please contact the Sustainable UM 2030 team via sustainability@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

Please describe the members of the research team, the complementary expertise, the track record of each applicant

Impact and Future Potential

Please describe how this seed grant is supported by external stakeholders, how researchers will engage with other researchers and/or stakeholders to grow from a seed fund project to a larger research project, the plan for further research support from external funds

Budget	
Total project costs:	€
Specification of the project costs:	
Requested amount of funding (max. requested budget is € 50,000):	€
Amount and specification of co-funding (cash or in-kind) by applicants	€

