

Call for Applications “Valorisatie” Stimulation Fund FASoS – March 2018

Objective

The faculty wants to further stimulate “valorisatie” activities for those projects where they promise a lot of added value. Grants from the “Valorisatie” Stimulation Fund (VSF) may be used for activities that will increase the societal impact and knowledge transfer (“valorisatie”) of existing research projects through activities such as workshops including non-academic partners with a clear “valorisatie” dimension and many other formats. We do not restrict this fund to a certain brand of “valorisatie” activities but invite researchers to also explain why their approach will have a particularly high impact. The budget for the VSF is €10,000 per calendar year.

Proposed activities are assessed by the OTO (the main coordinating body of the research institute). Decisions are taken by the Faculty Board. Acquiring funding from other sources, so that the VSF is used as a matching component together with other sources, is viewed positively.

The VSF wants to trigger *new* “valorisatie” activities, instead of providing stopgap assistance in existing projects.

Who can apply? What are the conditions?

All staff members of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences can apply. You may submit one application per year. Grants do not exceed € 1,100.

It is possible to use VSF to:

- co-finance projects and activities for which you have acquired funding elsewhere. Please always make clear what other financial resources (including funding from the departments or from personal budgets) will be used / will be applied for.
- finance activities for which no other funding is available. Other possibilities for funding from FASoS sources (personal or institutional budgets, money available within existing research projects) should have been considered. If these budgets are not available, please explain the reasons.

Calls for proposals are issued three times a year.

Funded activities:

* have to start within 6 months after receiving the grant at the latest. Consider submitting in a later call if it still takes a while before your planned activities commence.

* have to be reimbursed/paid **ultimately** one year after receiving the grant. If this is not the case the grant will expire.

Successful applicants have to write a report on the activities that is submitted to the research policy office after activities will have ended, but not longer than two years after the award of the grant. If projects supported by the VSF yield a profit, the faculty may ask to reimburse monies to the VSF. Changes of the planned activities are possible, but have to be approved by the research director.

How to apply

Please use the application form. Submit your application **by 15 March 2018, 12:00 hours** to research-fasos@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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