

Call for proposals: UM ETHICS AND INTEGRITY GRANTS

The UM Platform for Research Ethics and Integrity invites proposals from UM staff (preferably in cooperation with students) on initiatives related to research ethics and scientific integrity. 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;
- Organise 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 will have a direct impact on UM policy in the area of ethics and integrity.

Annually a total budget of € 20,000 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 and encouraged. The main applicant maintains overall responsibility for the project;
- The maximum duration of projects is 12 months from the date specified in the award;
- 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? Please fill in the application form and submit it to platformrei@maastrichtuniversity.nl by 24 November 2019 with the subject 'UM Ethics and integrity grants'. All applicants will be notified of the outcome by 9 December 2019.

If you have any questions about the grants, please send an email to Natasja Reslow at platformrei@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Eligible costs

Funding will only be granted for new activities or clear extensions of existing activities. Existing activities (which will take place anyway) will not be funded.

No co-financing is required, meaning that the activities can be funded 100% from the grant.

Types of costs:

- Hours of UM staff at salary cost (without surcharge for overhead);
- Out-of-pocket-costs, including:
 - Hiring student assistants;
 - Locations;
 - Catering;
 - Reimbursement of speakers;
 - Etc.

The grant will be transferred to the department of the main applicant at the end of the project (when the final report and budget specification have been submitted). If the project objectives have not been achieved, the grant may be reduced to a lower amount.