

WUN Research Development Fund 2020

Maastricht University internal procedure

The WUN RDF offers senior and junior researchers at Maastricht University the opportunity to develop research initiatives with colleague researchers from other WUN member universities on issues that are relevant and urgent from the perspective of current global developments. As a European university with a global outlook, the UM invites and supports its researchers to submit ideas and take initiatives that shape our university's global engagement.

The WUN Research Development Fund (RDF) provides grants up to British Pound 10.000, for one year, for initiatives that foster research collaborations among academic staff (faculty members) at WUN partner universities. WUN welcomes ideas for research collaboration that fit in the Network's principal research theme of *Sustainable Development*. WUN prioritizes research initiatives that underpin the following Sustainable Development Goals: Good health and Wellbeing, Quality Education, Affordable and Clean Energy, Reduced Inequalities, Sustainable Cities and Communities and Climate Action.

In the context of the current global health crisis, an additional focus of this year's RDF round is *Sustainable Recovery* and research ideas addressing (one of) the mentioned themes related to the (consequences of the) Covid 19 pandemic are particularly welcome.

The framework for the 2020 round of applications for grants from the WUN RDF 2020 is provided by the WUN documents [WUN Research Development Fund 2020](#) and the [WUN RDF 2020 application format](#). The first document is a 3 page pdf-file that can be found on the WUN website, the application form can be found on the WUN Research Development Fund portal.

The deadline for submitting WUN RDF proposals for 2020 is 23 October 2020.

However, the UM (and all other WUN member universities) is allowed to submit no more than two applications in which its academic staff is Principal Investigator (PI). There is no limit on the number of applications in which a UM staff member can be a co-investigator.

To avoid that much work is spend on proposals that in the end cannot submitted, an internal pre-selection of ideas for good proposals will be made. From these ideas, two will be selected and these two ideas will be developed in full proposals that will be submitted to WUN before the deadline.

The internal deadline for submitting ideas for proposals for the WUN RDF 2020 is Sunday September 20th. The result of the selection will be communicated on Monday September 28th. From then on there will be a full month to develop the two selected ideas into full eligible proposals.

How to submit an idea for a proposal for the WUN RDF 2020? Please send a Word document structured in the following way and containing the following information:

1. Title of the proposed project / research collaboration
2. Name of applicant/principal investigator
3. UM Faculty/department/unit
4. Contact details: phone and e-mail
5. Brief description (max. half page) of the proposed project; objective(s), intended result(s)/ expected output(s), main activities, rationale
6. To which WUN priority area(s) does the proposed project correspond?
7. Who will be the partners in the project? (at least two WUN partner universities are required; beyond that there may be more partners including non-WUN members)
8. Indicate whether you have already contacted these partners and whether they already have confirmed their participation

Please make sure that the total document is not more than 2 pages.

Send this information before Sunday September 20th as a Word text file by mail to the UM WUN Co-ordinator: han.aarts@maastrichtuniversity.nl

.The selection of ideas will be done by Martin Paul, WUN President and Peter Mollgaard, member of the WUN Academic Advisory Committee. The outcome of the selection will be communicated by Han Aarts on Monday September 28th.

Please consider when you develop an idea:

- WUN prefers research initiatives that use the geographical diversity and combined strengths of the participating (WUN)partners
- A research proposal crossing boundaries by taking a multidisciplinary and/or multisectoral approach has an advantage
- The involvement of (research) students in projects that provide learning opportunities is an advantage
- On funding: contrary to previous years, the partners involved in a research proposal are not supposed to match the RDF funding. Obviously, (generating) additional funding for a proposed initiative is allowed and welcome, but it is not a requirement.
- Good perspectives for future funding of the proposed research are an advantage

In case you have any question please consult the WUN documents or mail or call to Han Aarts, 06 46705026 or 83519 (the latter being my office number, but for the time being I work mainly from home).

List of the WUN member universities, as of August 2020

Maastricht University, the Netherlands
National Chang Kung University, Taiwan
Renmin University of China, China
Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China
The University of Auckland, New Zealand
The University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
The University of Sydney, Australia
The University of Western Australia, Australia
Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil
Université de Lausanne, Switzerland
University College Dublin, Ireland
University of Alberta, Canada
University of Bergen, Norway
University of Bristol, United Kingdom
University of Cape Town, South Africa
University of Leeds, United Kingdom
University of Massachusetts Amherst, United States
University of Rochester, United States
University of Southampton, United Kingdom
University of York, United Kingdom
Zhejiang University, China

(22 members in 14 countries)