

Call for Applications Research Stimulation Fund FASoS - Round 3 2022

Objective

The faculty wants to stimulate research strengthening the faculty's research profile through the Research Stimulation Fund (RSF). Grants from the RSF may be used for short research trips, fieldwork, acquiring data, language editing of publications, short visits to colleagues abroad, and other research-related expenses. The total budget for the RSF is €25,000 per calendar year.

Proposed activities are assessed by the OTO (the main coordinating body of the FASoS Research Institute). Decisions are taken by the Faculty Board. In the past, the OTO has applied the following criteria:

- Proposals must be related to specific research activities (publications, preparing grant proposals, building networks) or another activity clearly strengthening our research profile. Interdisciplinary proposals are especially welcome.
- In the case of scientific publications, language editing proposals will be preferred over requests for supporting translations, and leading publishers / journals over others. Peer reviewed international publications with highly reputed journals or publishing houses are viewed most favourably.
- Acquiring funding from other sources, so that the RSF is used as matching money together with other sources is also viewed positively.

There are a number of activities which are excluded from RSF funding:

- Grants cannot be used for hiring staff (with the exception of student assistants and professional transcription agency) or for reducing the teaching load. Student assistants have to be current students at the UM.
- The RSF should not be used to cover funding gaps in ongoing research projects. The RSF wants to trigger *new* research activities, instead of providing stopgap assistance to existing projects. Similarly, successive requests for RSF support should not be used to support ongoing research. The RSF is not a project grant but is intended to support new ideas that might lead to further funding.
- Conference visits are excluded, unless they are linked with some other research activities (e.g. doing interviews, establishing a scholarly network, conducting author workshops). Acceptance of the proposed paper has to be secured before submitting to the RSF.

For book publications or chapters in a book, OTO only supports language editing if a book contract has already been secured.

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 calendar year. If you have received a grant previously, the project must be completed before you apply again. Grants do not exceed €3,500.

It is possible to use RSF to:

- co-finance projects and activities for which you have acquired funding elsewhere. Please always make clear what other financial resources (including funding from departments or personal budgets) will be used or 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 no later than 6 months after receiving the grant. Consider submitting in a later call if it will still take some time before your planned activities commence.

* have to be reimbursed/paid **no later** than one year after receiving the grant. If this is not the case the grant will expire.

Successful applicants have to submit a report on the activities to the research policy office no later than four weeks after the activities take place. If projects supported by the RSF yield a profit, the

faculty may ask for monies to be reimbursed to the RSF. Changes of the planned activities are possible, but have to be approved by the research director/associate dean for research.

How to apply

Please use the application form. Submit your application **by 5 October 2022** to research-fasos@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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