

Call for Applications Valorisation Stimulation Fund FASoS - Round 3 2022

Objective

The faculty wants to further stimulate valorisation activities for those projects that promise a lot of added value. Grants from the Valorisation Stimulation Fund (VSF) may be used for activities that will increase the societal impact and knowledge transfer (valorisation, impact, relevance, open science, engagement, public humanities, etc.) of existing research projects. This can be done through activities such as workshops involving non-academic partners, or via non-traditional outputs such as exhibitions, children's books, etc. We do not restrict this fund to certain types of 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 FASoS 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 stimulate *new* valorisation activities, instead of providing stopgap assistance in existing projects.

Who can apply? What are the conditions?

All FASoS staff members can apply. You may submit one application per calendar year. If you have received a grant previously, the project must be completed and the report submitted (see below) before you apply again. Grants cannot exceed €2,000.

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 projects, your departments or personal budgets) will be used and/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 why not.

Calls for proposals are issued three times a year.

Funded activities:

* must start no later than 6 months after receiving the grant. Consider submitting in a later call if your planned activities commence later.

* must be reimbursed no later than one year after receiving the grant. If this does not happen, the grant will expire.

Successful applicants are required to submit a report on the activities to the research policy office no later than four weeks after the activities have taken place. If projects supported by the VSF yield a profit, the faculty may ask for reimbursement to the VSF (so that more FASoS activities can be supported). Changes of the planned activities may be possible, but must 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

If you have questions or require further information you may contact Kim van Honk (k.vanhonk@maastrichtuniversity.nl).