

Advisory report Starter grants 2023

In June 2022, Minister of Education, Culture and Science Dijkgraaf announced that additional investments would be made in higher education and research. These are the so called starter- and incentive grants. For FGGA, this means that a considerable number of grants can be awarded within the faculty in the coming 8 years, with the varying number of grants earmarked per institute. In 2022 a policy has been developed and agreed upon by the Faculty board and Institute boards for the process of applying to and rewarding the starter grants (see '**beleidsstekst startersbeurzen**', also for more background).

*This report comprises the **advice from the committee to the faculty board FGGA** for rewarding the starter grants in 2023. In addition, **accounts for the process and the selection** of applicants. This is an advice to allocate € 4.8 million, € 2.1 for the Institute of Public Administration, € 900.000 for Leiden University College and € 1.8 million for the Institute Security and Global Affairs (one starter grant extra).*

		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Number of grants
Starter grants	BSK	2	5	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	22
	iSGA	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	18
	LUC	1	2	1	1	1	1		1	1	9
		5	10	6	5	5	5	3	5	5	49

Preparations

- On march 29th the call for proposals was published in the faculty newsletter that is send to all employees and on the employee website. In April 2023 information sessions may be held at the institute's level.
- The deadline to submit a complete application for a starter grant was set on May 15 2023.
- The applicants have received an confirmation and the selection committee received all information the applicants have send in.
- The committee was asked to marginally test the applications for the Institute of Public Administration and Leiden University College and to rank the applications form the institute of Security and Global Affairs.
- The committee has met on Wednesday may 7th to discuss the applications.

Committee

As had been determined in the 'beleidsdocument startersbeurzen' a committee has been appointed to discuss and assess the applications and provide an advice to the faculty board. This committee consists of 6 members, 2 from each institute (Institute of Public Administration, Institute of Security and Global Affairs, Leiden University College). The members are appointed for 2 years by the Faculty Board on the recommendation of the Scientific Directors of the institutes. The selection committee is supported by a secretary from the Department of Education and Research Policy.

In 2023 the committee members are:

- Dr. D.W.L. Ehrhardt (LUC)
- Dr. D.A. Vicherat Mattar (LUC)
- Prof.dr. M.O. Hosli (iSGA)

- Prof.dr. D.W.J. Broeders (iSGA)
- Dr. B.S. Kuipers (BSK)
- Dr. N.A.J. van der Zwan (BSK)

On request of the scientific directors Prof. dr. C.L.J. Caminada was appointed by the faculty board as chair of the committee.

Selection

From here on the applications and selection will be described per institute.

Institute of Public Administration

From the Institute of Public Administration the committee received a total number of 7 research proposals for 7 grants that were to divide. Only a marginal test was necessary. The committee was impressed by the innovative proposals and has seen nothing in the proposals that did not meet the general requirements.

The advice to the faculty board is to grant all received proposals from the Institute of Public Administration with a starter grant summing up to €2,1 million.

- Dr. E. Aizenberg
- Dr. A. Maiello
- Dr. M. C.G. Sievert
- Dr. S. Diessner & Dr. F. Bulfone
- Dr. L. Dorren
- Dr. B.J.T.H. Bernardts
- Dr. M.M. Young

Leiden University College

From Leiden University College the committee received a total number of 3 research proposals for 3 grants that were to divide. Only a marginal test was necessary. The committee was impressed by the innovative proposals and has seen nothing in the proposals that did not meet the general requirements.

The advice to the faculty board is to grant all received proposals from Leiden University College with a starter grant summing up to € 900.000.

- Dr. J.Y. Lee
- Dr. J.B. Reinders
- Dr. D. Osei

Institute of Security and Global Affairs

From iGSA the committee received a total number of 9 research proposals, three of them for a double grant, summing up to € 3.6 million. Unfortunately the committee

was restricted to nominate only projects amounting up to € 1,5 million, meaning a selection process was needed.

- All committee members independently reviewed and ranked the ISGA proposals prior to meeting (rankings submitted on Monday 5 June).
- The following outcomes emerged from a constructive meeting of the advisory committee and the statistical evaluation of all the members' rankings:
 - o Based on the rankings, the committee unanimously decided to reject 3 proposals with the lowest score. In all cases, this concerns proposals for a double grant. According to the committee, the general value of each of these projects was less than general value of the sum of two single applications.
 - o All committee members agreed with the advice to allocate 4 grants to the proposals with the highest (average) score in accordance to the rankings.
 - o The committee found the applications in 5th and 6th place in the ranking to be in a tie (exactly the same average score). Therefore, the committee recommends, if possible, to allocate a grant for both proposals. Meaning rewarding one extra iSGA starter grant this year at the expense of one future iSGA grant in the coming iterations.

In short, the committee recommends that the next 6 proposals are granted a starter grant. A total sum of € 1.8 million euros.

- Dr. T.J.A. Buitelaar
- Dr. Z. Shiraz
- Dr. S. Gürkan & Dr. V. Carraro
- Dr. S. L. Carthy
- Dr. T.J. Maguire
- Dr. C. del Real