



Leiden University
To the Boards of the faculties

Leiden, 28 November 2019

Subject: Invitation to submit applications for the LUF 2020 project grants

Dear faculty board members,

The Leiden University Fund (LUF) invites researchers of all faculties to submit applications for the 2020 LUF project grants. This letter with attachment provides information about the criteria, the funds available and the application procedure. Please be so kind to share this letter with researchers that meet the criteria as outlined below.

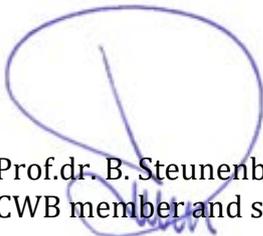
LUF manages a number of Named Funds, from which annual grants are made available. These funds support scientific projects of researchers of Leiden University, often in specific research areas. The grants vary in principle from € 5,000 to € 25,000. The total 2020 budget is € 760,000. In this 2020 round we have added some funds from the Praesidium Libertatis Foundation, part of Leiden University, € 147,500 in total. The LUF Committee for Academic Expenditure (CWB) – consisting of professors from all faculties – judges the applications.

Criteria and procedure

The attachment provides more information on the criteria, the funds and the application procedure. Please visit the [LUF-website](#) for the full and up-to-date information, also available in Dutch. Applications can be submitted as of 16 December 2019 until **Monday 3 February 2020 at 12.00 hrs.**

With kind regards,


Prof. dr. F. Koning
CWB chairman


Prof. dr. B. Steunenbergh
CWB member and secretary (chair as of 1 January 2020)

Attachment: Grants for scientific projects – 2020 criteria and procedure



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Furthermore, there are funds managed by the Praesidium Libertatis Foundation (PLF funds), for which under the same conditions applications can be submitted. From these PLF funds € 147,500 is available.

Please note that the budget per fund is preliminary.

Projects for which an application can be submitted

Projects in the fields of research and education are eligible under the following general criteria:

1. Research projects

Research projects must be:

- a. innovative, stand-alone, conducted over a defined period of time (not longer than 3 years and January 2021 as the ultimate starting date) and for which there are no other funding opportunities, or
- b. pilot projects in preparation for bigger future applications with NWO, ERC or other funds.

Research projects can be submitted by promising young and active researchers who received their PhD no more than five years* prior to the date of the submission.

**) The five-year criterion means that the applicant has received the PhD in 2015 or more recent, or is going to promote before 1 July 2020, in which case the promotor has to provide a statement on the expected date.*

The five-year criterion does not apply to specific funds in the fields of archaeology and law, since these are relative small and/or specific research areas. Also for these funds there is a preference for young promising researchers. For some PLF funds different target groups are indicated.

Biological mothers who have given birth to one or more children are granted a standard extension of eighteen months per child. This extension is a compensation for the duration of the pregnancy, including the child-birth and the parental care and is irrespective of any parental leave taken and/or a reduction in working hours.

Other parents (fathers and non-biological mothers) are granted a standard extension of six months per child that is part of the applicant's household. This period is a compensation for the duration of child care required and is irrespective of parental leave taken and/or a reduction in working hours.

An extension on the grounds of care responsibilities will be granted only if the applicant can provide documentation that proves that you have taken care leave.

2. Education projects

Education projects must be focused on structural, (long-term) innovations or improvements in academic teaching. The duration of the project is not more than three years with January 2021 as the ultimate starting date.



Criteria for scientific projects

Applications are judged by the LUF Committee for Academic Expenditure (CWB), which consists of professors of all faculties. The members are nominated by the Board of Deans and appointed by the LUF Board.

The criteria applied in assessing research projects are as follows:

1. The scientific relevance and innovative character of the project
2. The applicant's CV, which demonstrates that you are a promising researcher
3. How clearly the problem is defined
4. The soundness of the research methodology
5. The possibility of the project having direct societal impact
6. An adequate budget that explains why the project cannot be funded elsewhere.

The criteria applied in assessing education projects are as follows:

1. The scientific relevance and innovative character of the project
2. Experience in education and related motivation, supported by applicant's cv
3. How clearly the problem is defined
4. The approach compared with existing education methods
5. An adequate budget that explains why the project cannot be funded elsewhere.

Digital application form

The digital application form is available on the LUF website as of 16 December 2019 and should include the following attachments, to be uploaded separately:

1. Summary in Dutch in language understandable for non-professionals (appr. 250 words).
2. A project description in no more than 1,000 words (references not taken into account), and no more than three illustrations (tables/graphs/pictures). Use the following structure: 1. Project name, 2. Background/embedding, 3. Issue and goal of the project, 4. Methodology, 5. Expected results, 6. Implications and relevance, 7. Planning/timetable, including starting date.
3. Budget for the project.
4. Embedding guarantee from the faculty, which shows the support of the faculty/institution to conduct the research within the faculty/institute (see template on the website).
5. Proof of the date on which the applicant received his/her PhD, or statement of promotor on expected date of PhD.
6. CV of the applicant that shows that he/she is a promising scientist.

Funds available and their specific criteria

Each fund has its own criteria regarding eligible domains of science. The available budget is mentioned between brackets.

All research fields

- **Gratama Foundation/LUF** for all fields of science, in particular for projects with a positive societal impact. Projects must be identifiable and may also be in concrete terms of for example purchase of instruments (€ 200,000);
- **Elise Mathilde Fund/LUF** for all fields of science (€ 150,000).

Health and Medicine

- **Den Dulk-Moermans Fund** for projects in the research area of health (€ 100,000);
- **Mulder-Hamelers Fund** for research in the field of endocrinology (€ 5,000);



- **Dr. F.F. Hofman Fund** for education and research in the area of gastrointestinal medicine, preferably for education (€ 50,000).
- **Schild-de Groen Fund** for scientific research on cancer by LUMC researchers or researchers of NKL-AVL researchers, preferably with a link to the LUMC/Leiden University (€ 22,250).
- **P.A.Jager-de Gelder Fund** for research in the field of ophthalmology, per application no more than € 8,000 (€ 16,000).
- **Leo Moret Fund** for research on the impact of the loss of one or both parents on children and young adults, all in the most broadest sense of the word (€ 4,250).

(Classic) Archeology/Humanities

- **Byvanck Fund** for projects in the field of classical antiquity at the cutting edge of archaeology, art history, ancient history and classical languages. The Byvanck Fund prefers research projects that focus on the Mediterranean (€ 10,000);
- **Bakels Fund** for natural scientific research within archaeology (€5,000);
- **Fund for Roman Archeology** for research in the field of Roman Archeology during the first century before Christ until the end of the fifth century after Christ in North-West Europe, both inside and outside the Roman borders, while the link with the Roman Empire should be clear (€ 10,000).
- **Fund Chastelain-Nobach (PLF)** to encourage research through financial support for excavations (€ 10,000).

Law and Science/Chemistry

- **Kroese-Duijsters Fund** for special research or educational projects from the Law Faculty or the Leiden Institute of Chemistry that have a more than standard impact on the Leiden university research fields. In addition to projects, investments in persons (for example a visiting professor) and equipment may also qualify (€ 25,000).

Law

- **Schim van der Loeff Fund** for a scientific project in the field of research of International Law, in particular regarding the position of foreign nationals. Applications may also be submitted for studies on the rules applicable within national and international private law (€ 6,250).
- **Mr.ir. Deisz Barendregt Fund** for research and publications on maritime law, water management law and construction law, in particular regarding tenders in the building industry (€ 6,000).
- **Fund mr. S.J. Visser** to support research in the field of International public law and international private law (€ 70,000).
- **Fund Meijers Fund** to support the costs of research into legal history and publications of these sources of law, as far as not related to Eastern and Antique law history, nor the Roman law history before Justinian (€ 2,500).

Humanities

- **Fund Rijke-Hamaker/Humanities (PLF)** to support students and PhD students in the field of Humanities through scholarships (€ 15,000).

Science

- **Fund Meijers Fund/Science (PLF)** to support students and PhD students in the field of Science through scholarships (€ 50,000).

Package and environment

- **SVM Fund** for projects in the field of package and environment, focused on ease of use and reduction of the environmental impact, per project not more than € 75,000 (€ 150,000).



If the project suits more than one fund, please opt for the fund you believe is most applicable. The committee may move applications to other funds to honour the best projects.

Eligible costs

Both material and staffing costs are eligible for funding. The actual costs should be budgeted without faculty overheads. Staffing costs should be based on the costs of the individuals who carry out the work. Lab facilities that can be arranged internally should not be budgeted at more than cost price.

Application procedure

Applications may be submitted in Dutch or English, with the summary in Dutch. Applications are checked on eligibility and will then be judged by the Committee for Academic Expenditure (CWB), which takes the decisions on the grants to be awarded. For the following funds the decision-making is slightly different:

- In case of applications for the Gratama Fund, the Elise Mathilde Fund and the SVM Fund (Stichting Verpakking en Milieu) the CWB makes a pre-selection as a basis for decision-making by the board of the funds involved.
- In case of applications for the Schild-de Groen Fund, the CWB makes a pre-selection in consultation with NKI-AVL as a basis for a final choice by the Advisory Board of the fund.
- In case of applications for the PLF funds, the CWB makes a pre-selection as a basis for decision-making by the Executive Board of Leiden University.

The number of applications were high in the past years. For that reason each applicant can be involved in only one application.

Applications must be submitted via the online application form on the LUF website, www.luf.nl/project-grants, which is possible **as of 16 December 2019. The deadline for the receipt of applications is Monday 3 February 2020, at 12.00 hrs.** Applications received after the deadline, incomplete applications and applications not meeting the grant criteria are not eligible. Applicants will receive a confirmation of receipt and will be informed about the decisions in June 2020 at the latest.

If you have any questions on the 2020 round for project grants, please send an email to cwb@luf.leidenuniv.nl.

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