Grants for scientific projects – 2021 criteria and procedure
(applications can be submitted as of Tue 15 December 2020 until Mon 8 February 2021 at 13:00 hrs)

LUF manages a number of Named Funds, from which annual grants are made available. These funds support research and education projects of researchers of Leiden University, often in specific research areas. The grants vary in principle from € 5,000 to € 25,000. The total 2021 budget for these LUF funds is € 583,100. Furthermore, there are funds managed by the Praesidium Libertatis Foundation (PLF funds), for which under the same conditions applications can be submitted, unless different conditions are mentioned for a specific fund. The 2021 budget for these PLF funds € 115,000 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 2016 or more recent, or is going to promote before 1 July 2021, 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 one has taken care leave.

   If one appeals to this regulation, the name and date of birth of each child has to be included in the curriculum vitae.

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 2022 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 all projects are as follows:
1. The scientific relevance and innovative character of the project
2. How clearly the problem is defined.
3. The quality of the research methodology.
4. An adequate budget.
5. The applicant’s curriculum vitae.

LUF subsidy portal
Via the new LUF subsidy portal https://lufsubsidie.nl one can apply for a 2021 project grant as of Tuesday 15 December 2020. The application should include the following attachments, to be uploaded separately:

A. Summary in Dutch in language understandable for non-professionals (appr. 250 words).
B. 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.
C. Budget for the project, including an explanation why this project cannot be funded elsewhere, or in other words why this project fits the LUF funding criteria.
D. 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).
E. CV of the applicant, summarized in two A4 pages, including date of promotion and university. If one did not yet defend his/her thesis, a statement of the promoter has to be added that the defence of the thesis will take place before 1 July 2021. If the extension provision is applicable, please include the name(s) of the child(ren) and date(s) of birth.

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

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 (€ 150,000);
- 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 (€ 4,450);
- 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 (€ 22,500).
**Archeology/Humanities**

- **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 (€ 5,000).
- **Fund Chastelain-Nobach (PLF)** to encourage research through financial support for excavations/field work regarding the Greek and Roman Antiquity (€ 10,000).

**Law**

- **BA 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 (€ 8,350).
- **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 (€ 2,800).
- **Fund mr. S.J. Visser (PLF)** to support research in the field of International public law and international private law (€ 65,000).

**Humanities**

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

**Science**

- **Fund Rijke-Hamaker/Science (PLF)** to support students and PhD students in the field of Science through scholarships (€ 25,000).
- **Hakkenberg αβγ integration Fund** for projects that apply mathematical elements in projects of scientific and societal relevance, preferably interdisciplinary and interfaculty (€ 10,000).

**Package and environment**

- **LUF-SVM Fund** for projects in the field of package and environment, focused on ease of use and reduction of the environmental impact (€ 75,000).

**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**

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

Applications must be submitted via the online tool via the LUF website, www.luf.nl/project-grants, which is possible as of 15 December 2020. The deadline for the receipt of applications is Monday 8 February 2020, at 13:00 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, you can contact the CWB secretariat (Henk L.M. Snijders) by email (cwb@luf.leidenuniv.nl) or by phone (071 – 527 4903 / 06 2497 4360, Mon-Tue).

Leiden University Fund,
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