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There is now an [official roadmap](#) for submitting a grant application at the Leiden Law School. You can find details at [Funding Support – Leiden Law School](#).

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- Do you have a **specific topic** you would like to find funding opportunities for?
- Do you know a **donor** that you think should be added to our list?
- Do you want to receive **monthly updates** about external funding opportunities?

Let me know!

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Useful links:

- [Faculty of Law | Steps for Submitting a Research Grant Proposal](#)
- [Faculty of Law | Introduction to Funding & Funding Schemes](#)
- [Faculty of Law | Funding Opportunities](#)

- [Leiden University | Research Funding Knowledge Base \(Donor Overview\)](#)
- [Leiden University | Research Funding Events](#)
- [Leiden University | Education Grants](#)
- [LUF | Grants](#)

- [NWO | Funding Calls](#)
- [EU | Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal](#)
- [Erasmus+ | Deadlines](#)

- [SteunLeiden | Start a crowdfunding campaign!](#)

1. Events

[NWO: Matchmaking ‘Triple planetary crisis in the Polar regions’ \(NWA\)](#)

2 June 2026, 10:00 – 18:00 (Utrecht)

[Horizon Europe: MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 - Call Info Day](#)

3 June 2026, 9:30 – 12:30 (online)

[RVO: Workshop ERC Starting and Consolidator Grant](#)

4 June 2026, 13:00 – 17:00 (Utrecht)

16 June 2026, 13:00 – 17:00 (Utrecht)

[Leiden University: Workshop How to write a Data Management Plan](#)

11 June 2026, 13:00 – 15:30 (online)

[RVO: Webinar Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Doctoral Networks](#)

18 June 2026, 10 :00 – 12 :00 (online)

[RVO: Information Session Horizon Europe Cluster 3 Civil Security](#)

24 June 2026, 12:00 – 17:00 (The Hague)

[RVO: Legal-Financial Course Horizon Europe Lump Sum Grants](#)

22 June 2026, 12:30 – 16:30 (online)

[EU: Webinar AI Act](#)

23 June 2026, 10:30 – 12:00 (online)

[LERU: AI and research grants: is the system doomed to collapse?](#)

26 June 2026, 13:00 – 14:30 (online)

[RVO: Webinar Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)

9 July 2026, 10:30 – 12:00 (online)

See more events at **[Leiden Research Funding Knowledge Base: Events.](#)**

2. Individual Projects

<u>Gerda Henkel Stiftung Democracy Projects</u>	
What is it?	International, multidisciplinary research on Topics: (1) Democracy as a Utopia, Experience and Threats or (2) Transformations of Democracy? Or: The Contours of Future Democratic Society.
How much?	Full-time research scholarships for 1–24 months. Typical monthly rates: PhD €1,920; Postdoc €2,760; Senior €3,720. Additional support includes family allowance, travel and material costs.
Deadline	3 June 2026.

<u>NWO Hop-On Call for Proposals for Researchers Based in Ukraine 2025</u>	
What is it?	To stimulate online participation of researchers in Ukraine in ongoing NWO projects and to extend their network in the Dutch research community.
How much?	€ 30,000 for 6-24 months.
Deadline	23 June 2026, 14:00.

<u>NWO Open Competition SSH M 2026</u>	
What is it?	Offer researchers the opportunity to carry out research into a subject of their own choosing without any thematic constraints. Open for applicants who received their PhD at least 10 years ago.
How much?	€ 400,000
Deadline	Expected to open in summer with deadline in autumn 2026.

<u>NWO Veni SSH 2026</u>	
What is it?	Funding for early-career researchers (up to 3 years after their PhD) to conduct research of their choice and develop their own line of research.
How much?	€ 320,000
Deadline	Expected to open in summer with deadline in September 2026.

<u>NWO Open Competition SSH XS 2026 (Round 3)</u>	
What is it?	To encourage curiosity-driven and innovative research that involves the relatively rapid exploration of a promising idea.
How much?	Max. €50,000 for 6-24 months.
Deadline	15 September 2026, 14:00.

<u>EC-JTM Public Sector Loan Facility (PSLF) Lump Sum Grants</u>	
What is it?	Research on serious social, economic and environmental challenges deriving from the transition towards the EU's 2030 climate and energy targets and the EU's 2050 objective of climate neutrality.
How much?	€1 million – 25 million. See <u>call document</u> (page 15).
Deadline	17 September 2026, 17:00 16 February 2027, 17:00

<u>Ammodo Foundation Fundamental Research Grant</u>	
What is it?	Universities can nominate mid-career scientists for the opportunity to conduct pioneering fundamental scientific research.
How much?	€350,000
Deadline	25 September 2026, 11:59.

<u>ERC Starting Grant (StG) 2027</u>	
What is it?	Funding for early career researchers to conduct fundamental research. The applicant must have defended their PhD no more than 10 years before 1 January 2027 (new, expanded eligibility window as per 2027: see here).
How much?	Up to €1.5 million for 5 years.
Deadline	Expected to open in summer with deadline October 2026.

<u>NWO Vidi SSH 2026</u>	
What is it?	Funding for mid-career researchers (up to 8 years after their PhD) to conduct research of their choice and further their line of research.
How much?	€ 850,000
Deadline	Expected deadline November 2026.

<u>NWO Take-off Phase 1 – Feasibility Studies WO 2026</u>	
What is it?	Stimulating activity and entrepreneurship from Dutch universities , to investigate feasibility to commercially apply an innovative research result.
How much?	Max. €60,000 for 6 months.
Deadline	10 December 2026, 14:00.

<u>NWO Vici SSH 2027</u>	
What is it?	Funding for senior researchers (up to 15 years after their PhD) to conduct research of their choice and consolidate their line of research.
How much?	€ 1.5 million
Deadline	Expected deadline March 2027.

<u>KNAW Statesman Thorbecke Fund Programme</u>	
What is it?	Research projects that have a strong connection with the Dutch statesman Johan Rudolf Thorbecke and that are carried out by a postdoctoral researcher.
How much?	Up to €200,000
Deadline	Opening September 2027.

<u>BREN Zuid-Holland Research & Innovation Funding for Youth Care</u>	
What is it?	BREN Zuid-Holland is a network of youth care professionals committed to sustainable and structural transformation. See application process and guidelines for submitting a proposal (in Dutch).
How much?	Depends on research study.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

<u>WODC (Scientific Research and Data Centre) Research Programming 2026</u>	
What is it?	WODC publishes its programme of intended research (click here to download). Interested researchers contact the WODC.
How much?	Depends on research study.
Deadline	Contact the WODC for more details.

3. Collaborative Projects

NWA The Power of Collaboration	
What is it?	Funding for research into the applicability of the results of <i>existing</i> NWA consortia to national, regional and local policy levels, and investigate how the insights gained can be translated for other relevant stakeholders.
How much?	€ 1.4 - € 1.5 million for 4 years.
Deadline	16 June 2026, 14:00.

COST European Cooperation in Science and Technology	
What is it?	Networking-based funding contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal knowledge development of Europe. Develop your own network or find out how to join an existing COST Action here .
How much?	Approx. € 690,000 total for 4 years (€150,000 for first year and €180,000 per year for the other three years)
Deadline	Opening 31 July with deadline 28 October 2026, 12:00.

Volkswagen Stiftung Transformational Knowledge on Democracies under Change	
What is it?	Task Forces: up to two researchers plus civil-society partners work for one year on an urgent question affecting democracy in the EU, producing concrete policy recommendations.
How much?	Up to €180,000
Deadline	Next Task Force call expected to be published in autumn 2026.

For a full list of Horizon Europe 2026-27 calls, see the work programmes below. If you have any questions about consortium building or applying for Horizon, please contact [Jekaterina Savicka](#).

- Cluster 1: [Health](#)
- Cluster 2: [Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society](#)
- Cluster 3: [Civil Security for Society](#)
- Cluster 4: [Digital, Industry and Space](#)
- Cluster 5: [Climate, Energy and Mobility](#)
- Cluster 6: [Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment](#)
- [European Innovation Ecosystems \(EIE\)](#)
- [Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area](#)

4. Organizing Events & Workshops

Lorentz Center for Scientific Workshops Organize a Workshop	
What is it?	The Lorentz Center is a workshop center that hosts international scientific meetings of typically one week. Apply now for a workshop May-Dec 2026.
How much?	In-kind support, roughly €25,000-30,000: venue, social events, coffee breaks, organizational support (developing program).
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

KNVIR Support for Seminars and Expert Meetings	
What is it?	Support for seminars and meetings (e.g. networking activities or a ‘meet and greet’ with a prominent international lawyer).
How much?	€ 2,000 per event.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

5. Mobility Funding

<u>NIAS Safe Haven Fellowship 2026</u>	
What is it?	Supports scholars at risk. 5-month fellowship to pursue individual research.
How much?	€3,500 per month (February-June 2027)
Deadline	20 July 2026.

<u>EU-WIDERA European Research Area (ERA) Fellowships</u>	
What is it?	MSCA research fellowships taking place in a Widening country (Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia).
How much?	Living, mobility, and family allowance based on person-months. See page 78 of the MSCA Work Programme for the contribution amounts.
Deadline	9 September 2025, 17:00.

<u>EU-MSCA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026</u>	
What is it?	MSCA mobility research fellowships.
How much?	Living, mobility, and family allowance based on person-months. See page 78 of the MSCA Work Programme for the contribution amounts. Make sure you contact your financial controller before deciding to apply for this grant.
Deadline	9 September 2025, 17:00.

<u>Erasmus+ Staff Training Abroad</u>	
What is it?	Participate in training such as a course, job-shadowing, an observation period or a language course, in any Erasmus+ country (EU member states, Serbia, North Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Turkey). Covers 2-14 days excluding travel. Conferences not eligible.
How much?	- Daily allowance and travel allowance calculated based on travel distance, number of days, and country cost of living. See here .
Who can apply?	PhD students and staff.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling) , but you must apply min. 1 month before the start date of your Erasmus+ period.

<u>Erasmus+ Teaching Assignments Abroad</u>	
What is it?	Carry out a teaching assignment in any of the Erasmus+ programme countries (EU member states, North Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Turkey). Duration 2-60 days excluding travel, teaching min. 8 hours/week.
How much?	Daily allowance and travel allowance calculated based on travel distance, number of days, and country cost of living. See here .
Who can apply?	PhD students and staff.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling) , but you must apply min. 1 month before the start date of your Erasmus+ period.

6. Small Grants

<u>KNAW Meetings with Nobel Prize Laureates</u>	
What is it?	Opportunity for young researchers to meet peers from almost 100 countries and to speak with Nobel laureates.
How much?	KNAW contributes to participation costs.
Deadline	Opening 15 August 2026.

<u>KNAW Early Career Partnerships 2026</u>	
What is it?	Funding to organise interdisciplinary meetings for early-career researchers (obtained their PhD 3-7 years ago).
How much?	Up to €10,000
Deadline	Opening 1 November 2026.

<u>NWO Open Access Books</u>	
What is it?	Main applicants or co-applicants of awarded NWO research projects can apply for funding of the costs of Open Access publishing of academic books that result from NWO funding.
How much?	Max. € 10.000.
Who can apply?	Main applicants or co-applicants of awarded NWO research projects.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

<u>SIDN Fonds Pioneer Projects for a Stronger Internet</u>	
What is it?	Supports projects with added societal value for a strong internet, strong internet users, or the internet's significance for public values and society.
How much?	Up to € 10,000 (to develop your idea into a demo, pilot or experimental design)
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

<u>Juynboll Stichting Grants for Publications</u>	
What is it?	Grants for publications that promote the study of Arabic and Islam.
How much?	Max. €5000
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

7. Awards and Prizes

<u>KNAW Early Career Award</u>	
What is it?	Supports early-career researchers contributing to science through research, education, impact, or leadership.
How much?	€15,000
Deadline	1 July 2026.

<u>KNAW De la Court Prize</u>	
What is it?	Recognizes unpaid outstanding work in social sciences/humanities.
How much?	€7,500
Deadline	1 July 2026.

<u>KNAW Dr. Hendrik Muller Prize</u>	
What is it?	Mid-career prize for outstanding contributions to humanities/social sciences.
How much?	€25,000
Deadline	Opens 15 March 2027.