

Guidelines Seed Fund Alliance TU/e, WUR, UU and UMC Utrecht

Call 1 March 2021

These guidelines provide information on the minimum requirements that applications for the Seed Fund of the alliance TU/e, WUR, UU and UMC Utrecht must meet, the quality criteria on which the applications will be judged and how applications can be submitted.

Conditions

Applications must meet a number of eligibility criteria and will be ranked by the Seed Fund Committee on the basis of qualitative criteria.

Eligibility criteria

- At least 3 of the 4 partners within the alliance are involved in the application.
- The application may cover all disciplines within the alliance and should focus on (one of) the alliance's themes: Health, Food, Energy and Circular Society.
- The application has clear deliverables, such as a grant application, the organization of an event or an educational activity. The resources cannot be used for matching in a grant application.
- The application has a minimum budget of 10 k€ and a maximum budget of 50 k€.
- The maximum duration of the project is 1 year.
- The application must be supported by the relevant members of the General Assembly. In TU/e and UU this is the dean of the faculty, in WUR this is the managing director, in UMC Utrecht the chair of strategic theme.

Quality criteria

- Innovative content of the collaboration. The collaboration is between participants who have not worked together before and is innovative and multidisciplinary.
- The application contributes to achieving the objectives of the alliance and is aimed at realizing societal and/or scientific added value.
- For applications aimed at societal added value, the involvement of social partners is relevant (e.g. companies, government, civil society organizations), but may be possible at a later stage, after the application.
- For applications aimed at preparing a grant application, the application explains how the investments contribute to increasing the chances of success of the grant application.
- Feasibility and proportionality. Are the objectives achievable and realistic and is the intended budget in balance with the intended result of the application?

Application

The application specifies in a maximum of 3 A4:

- Who the applicants are, including a short CV;
- Which innovative combination of disciplines is envisaged;
- What results are envisaged and when they can be expected;
- How the resources will be used to achieve the results, including budget;
- When the project will be completed.
- Applications can be submitted to the following email address: e.i.stiekema@uu.nl with a deadline of **1 March 2021**.

Applicants should make use of the [application template on the website](#).

End of the project

Successful projects must submit a report at the end of the project with a brief financial account and a summary of the deliverables.

Selection and allocation procedure

Applications that do not meet the minimum requirements will not be considered by the Seed Fund Committee. Applications that do meet the minimum requirements will be assessed by the Seed Fund Committee on the basis of the quality criteria mentioned above. Applications will be ranked on quality and awarded in order. In each call three proposals will be awarded.