

## Call for Seed Fund Alliance Eindhoven-Wageningen-Utrecht

Deadline July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Eindhoven University of Technology, Wageningen University & Research, Utrecht University and Utrecht University Medical Center entered into a strategic alliance in 2019 with the aim of working intensively together on a number of themes where the partners are complementary and can strengthen each other: Health, Food, Energy and Circular Society.

The alliance wants to offer staff members the opportunity to explore new interdisciplinary connections between the partner institutions. We have set up a Seed Fund for small-scale initiatives such as preparing an external grant application, developing a new course, organizing an event or setting up collaboration with social partners.

Each year there will be three opportunities to apply for seed money. Deadlines are 1 March, 1 July and 1 November. In each call, funds are available to award three proposals. The deadline for the next round is **July 1st, 2021**.

This call provides information on the minimum requirements that applications 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 minimum requirements and will be ranked by the alliance board on the basis of qualitative criteria.

#### *Eligibility criteria*

- At least 3 of the 4 partners within the alliance are involved in the proposal.
- The application may cover all disciplines within the alliance partners 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 match in a grant application.
- The application amounts to a minimum of 10 k€ and a maximum 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 the TUE and UU this is the dean of the faculty, in the WUR this is the managing director, in the UMC Utrecht the chair of the 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.
- The application contributes to the goal of the alliance to involve young talented staff and/or students.
- For applications aimed at societal added value, the involvement of social partners is important (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 (see enclosed template)
- Who the applicants are, including a short CV;
- Which innovative combination of disciplines is envisaged;
- To what extent the applicants have worked together before;
- 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 is completed.
- Applications can be submitted to the following email address: [e.i.stiekema@uu.nl](mailto:e.i.stiekema@uu.nl) with a deadline of **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.

A template for application is enclosed.

### *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.