



LUF Praesidium Libertatis Grant

Grant conditions and application procedure 2022

Every other year, two LUF Praesidium Libertatis Grants are awarded to talented researchers who are considered capable of (further) developing innovative and original research ideas. The grant is also meant as a first step toward larger grants. The grant comprises a maximum sum of € 75,000, which is made available by the Praesidium Libertatis I Foundation, part of the Leiden University Fund.

Applications are assessed by the LUF Committee for Academic Expenditure (CWB).

Applications **supported by the Faculty Board** can be submitted between **1 June and Monday 4 July 2022 at 13:00 hrs**. All information, links to the project description template, the budget form and the application form can be found on the LUF website: <https://www.luf.nl/en/apply-for-grants/researchers/praesidium-libertatis> Entries received after the deadline will not be considered. This also applies to incomplete applications and applications that do not meet the conditions.

If you have any questions, please send an email to the LUF CWB secretariat (Klaartje Sluijs) at cwb@luf.leidenuniv.nl. You can also schedule a telephone appointment with the secretariat via this e-mail address.

This document discusses: (1) the preselection and conditions, (2) the structure of applications and the submission procedure, (3) the eligible costs and (4) the assessment criteria and timetable.

1. Pre-selection and conditions

Each faculty may submit two applications. A pre-selection will take place within each faculty and a contact person will be appointed for the applicants and for LUF.

The pre-selection will take into account the following conditions:

- Applicants must hold a PhD, have a *paid appointment* at Leiden University and have been awarded the PhD *no longer than ten years ago*, i.e. on or after 1 June 2012.
- The NWO extension clause is applicable. (See detailed explanation at the end of this document.)
- The proposed project concerns innovative research that will be carried out by the applicant if the funding is awarded.



2. What structure should the proposal have and how do you submit it?

Applicants, who are nominated on the basis of the preselection within their faculty, must submit their full project plan via the LUF website <https://www.luf.nl/en/apply-for-grants/researchers/praesidium-libertatis> (one of the green 'tiles' on the right of the page contains a link to the application form). Applications may be submitted in Dutch or English.

The application must consist of:

- A. A *summary* in Dutch for a non-specialist audience (no more than 250 words).
- B. A *project description* of no more than 1,000 words (excluding references) and no more than three illustrations (tables/graphs/images).
Use the following structure:
 - 1 Project name,
 - 2 General outline of the project, including the scientific relevance,
 - 3 Problem definition, goal of the project and expected results, and
 - 4 Research methodology.
- C. A clear *plan/timeline*, including the start date (not before 1 November 2022, maximum duration of three years).
- D. Budget for the project with a *clear explanation* of why the project is suitable for a LUF grant.
- E. A *letter of recommendation* from the Faculty Board.
- F. *Applicant's CV*, in no more than 2 A4 pages, stating the date of the PhD (date of the degree certificate prevails) and the university where the PhD was obtained. If the applicant wishes to make use of the extension scheme, the CV must also contain the name and date of birth of each child.

3. Which costs are eligible for funding?

Costs that are eligible for funding are:

- Materials and staffing costs. It is important to provide a clear specification of the costs without any provisional sums or unclear estimates.
- Only the directly necessary costs for the project without overhead. Staffing costs must relate to those carrying out the work and may include relief from teaching duties.
- LUF will only reimburse the costs of open-access publications in very exceptional cases and with clear justification. Without a plausible reason, such an item cannot be included in the budget or at least be honoured.
- For laboratory tests that can be carried out internally, no more than the cost price should be budgeted for.



4. Evaluation criteria and timetable

Applications are assessed by the LUF's CWB based on the following criteria:

- The scientific relevance and innovative nature of the project.
- The clarity of the problem definition.
- The quality of the chosen methodology.
- The applicant's CV matches the ambitions of the project.
- An appropriate budget: this criterion is a prerequisite. If the budget is unclear or contains ineligible items, the committee may decide not to consider the proposal.

All applications will be discussed at the CWB meeting on 19 September 2022. The applicants with, in principle, the three best projects will give a presentation at the CWB meeting on Monday afternoon 10 October 2022. Two project grants of up to €75,000 will be awarded. The announcement of the awarded grants will take place no later than the week of 17 October 2022.

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Explanation of NWO extension clause Biological mothers receive an extension of 18 months per child. This is compensation for the time associated with pregnancy and the birth and care of a child and includes any parental leave taken and/or a reduction in formal working hours. Other parents (fathers and non-biological mothers) with a child that is part of their own household receive a six-month extension per child. This extension is compensation for the time spent caring for the child and includes any parental leave taken and/or reduction in formal working hours. An application for an extension based on care responsibilities only applies to applicants for whom there is or was a demonstrable registered period of care leave. Applicants who wish to claim this extension should state the name and date of birth of each child in their CV.