LUF Impulse Grant 2021
Conditions and procedure – Call for applications, 7 April 2021

Issues in today’s society rarely fall within the scope of a single discipline or specialism. This makes it extremely important for researchers to look beyond the boundaries of their own field when they are seeking solutions. LUF provides a grant for interfaculty projects was established to encourage this. Each year, the Committee for Academic Expenditure (CWB) awards a maximum amount of € 150,000 to the research team that best meets the criteria. The grant was awarded in 2019 and 2020 as the LUF Snouck Hurgronje Grant. As of 2021 the name is LUF Impulse Grant, encouraging cooperation between faculties.

Timeline
For 2021 the timeline is as follows:
- applications supported by the faculty board can be submitted between 1 June and Monday 5 July 2021 at 13:00 hrs;
- all applications will be discussed in the CWB meeting of Monday 20 September 2021; the applicants of the top-three projects will be invited for a presentation during the CWB meeting of Tuesday 5 October 2021;
- in principle one grant will be awarded for a maximum amount of € 75,000;
- the application awarded will be communicated in the week of 11 October 2021.

Pre-selection, conditions and assessment criteria
From each faculty a maximum of two applications may be submitted. Within each faculty a pre-selection will take place, for which a contact person will be appointed for applicants and LUF.

The pre-selection will take into account the following conditions:
- both interfaculty research and education projects may be submitted;
- researchers of at least two faculties should be involved in the project;
- applicants must be employed by Leiden University;
- an applicant may not be involved in more than one project;
- an applicant may not apply for the LUF Impulse Grant 2021 at the same time.

The assessment of the applications is based on the following criteria:
 a. scientific relevance and innovative;
 b. clear problem definition and research methodology;
 c. added value of the interfaculty character;
 d. ambition of the applicants and quality of CVs;
 e. a clear and appropriate budget.

Application procedure
Applicants who have been selected by their faculty, can submit their full project plan via the LUF grant portal on the LUF website between Monday 1 June and Monday 5 July 2021 at 13:00 hrs.

The digital application form has to be accompanied by the following appendices:
 A. A summary in Dutch for non-professionals (not more than 200 words).
 B. A project description in not more than 1,000 words (references not taken into account), and not more than three illustrations (tables/graphs/pictures). Use the following structure:
1. Project name, 2. General overview of the project, including relevance to society, 3. Problem definition, goal and expected results, 4. Research methodology, 5. Planning/timeline, including start date (not before 1 November 2021, duration not more than three years).

C. Budget for the project, including an explanation why the project cannot be funded elsewhere.

D. A recommendation letter by the faculty board;

E. CVs of the applicants. Each CV may not be longer than two pages.

If you have any questions about this grant round, please send an email to the CWB secretariat (Henk Snijders, Inge Erkelens): cwbluf.leidenuniv.nl, or call us on 071 – 527 4903 / 06 2497 4360.