

Framework for the New Faculty Research Strategic Investment Fund (and annexes) 2024

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General

The research allocation model reserves K€500 for strategic investments in research. The fund is to support research initiatives that help to achieve the objectives of the 2021-2026 FSP, not (fully) covered in other parts of the allocation. It specifically serves to fund research initiatives that support participation of law school researchers in large research initiatives and that help generate/and or maintain external research funding. The fund supports two types of funding: a) Research Strategic investments and b) Methods and Interdisciplinary and Multi-disciplinary Research, both with different aims and possibilities.

A. Research Strategic investments

The Research Strategic investments fund can be used for the following aims:

- Co-funding of UvA central research initiatives (including IP related research funds).
- (Co-)funding of large consortium grant proposals (such as HorizonEurope, NWA, Zwaartekracht and Groeifonds)
- Developing other grant proposals, which cannot be covered elsewhere
- Organization of major workshops or conferences that strengthen our faculty's ability to attract major external funding and/or major external collaboration.
- Other costs that aid the implementation of FSP research goals not covered by other allocation

B. Methods and Interdisciplinary and Multi-disciplinary Research

This part of the fund originates from PPLE teaching and should thus be used as much as possible to strengthen research that relates to PPLE subjects and for staff teaching in PPLE courses or other interdisciplinary programmes or courses. The Methods and Interdisciplinary and Multi-disciplinary Research fund can cover a number of activities/posts *related to*:

Research methods

- Methods training courses, workshops, conferences
- Methods software
- Research on methods in legal research
- Funding of faculty level support staff
- Contribution to PhD position or post doc

Interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary research

- Costs to develop inter/multi-disciplinary grant applications not covered elsewhere
- Inter/multi-disciplinary workshops/seminars/conferences
- Inter/multidisciplinary training
- Interdisciplinary research
- Contribution to PhD position or post doc

In principle, applications concern funding for one year. Incidentally, exceptions can be made for an application with a period longer than one year (with a maximum length up to and including 2025).

Each year we will show what part of the budget is already reserved and what is left for new applications. For 2024 K€275 is available.

Admissibility

- Applications should meet the aims and conditions above
- Applicants with 50% or more research time cannot apply for extra individual research time
- Proposals cannot lead to a permanent appointment through an extension unless approved
- Applications and integral costs should be prepared with the operations coordinator
- Researchers need to be employed by the FdR. (Researchers from Asser are excluded.)

Procedure

As of 2024, there will in principle be one moment for applications. The deadline is 1 April 2024. Exceptions can be made in case of a unique and urgent research opportunity for which funding is required on an immediate basis.

For a **Research Strategic investments** application the maximum amount per application is in principle K€50 annually. For a **Methods and Interdisciplinary and Multi-disciplinary Research** application the maximum amount per application is in principle K€25 annually. In case of contribution to PhD or post-doc positions the maximum amount is K€75 in total. Exceptions can be made when justified by the nature and quality of the project for which funding is requested.

Researchers are requested to use the form in [Annex A](#) when submitting their applications.

Decision-making

The ARILS director will strive for an equitable division between the strategic goals and Methods and Interdisciplinary and Multi-disciplinary Research.

The applications for a **Research Strategic investments** will be evaluated by the ARILS director with advice from the Research Council. The final decision is made by the ARILS director and the dean. After having obtained this advice, the ARILS director will decide on each application, taking into account – holistically – the following factors:

- The quality, innovation and societal relevance of the proposal and the quality of the applicant(s);
- Contribution of the proposal to strategic goals in FSP and/or IP;
- The proposal's potential for generating external funding and/or strengthening external collaboration for the faculty of law;
- Cooperation in the proposal between faculty researchers.

The ARILS director will not decide on and will not have any role in respect of applications submitted by members of her/his section or the research centre of which she/he is a member. In that case, the Dean will decide, as first and final instance, on the application, after having received advice from the Research Council, and taking into account the same factors as those mentioned above.

For the applications on **Methods and Interdisciplinary and Multi-disciplinary Research** the ARILS director will seek the advice from the PPLE dean on these application. After having obtained this advice, the ARILS director will decide on each application, taking into account – holistically – the following factors:

- The quality, innovation and societal relevance of the proposal and the quality of the applicant(s);

- Contribution of the proposal to research methods and/or interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research;
- Contribution and relevance of the proposal for PPLE teaching;
- Involvement in the proposal of PPLE staff;
- Cooperation in the proposal between faculty researchers.

The ARILS director will not decide on and will not have any role in respect of applications submitted by members of the section or research centre of which she/he is a member. In that case, the Dean will decide, as first and final instance, on the application, after having received advice from the PPLE dean, and taking into account the same factors as those mentioned above.

For the decision on the application, the form in Annex B will be used.

In case of a complete or partial rejection (when more than 25% of the requested budget has been rejected), the applicant(s) can file an objection with the Dean. The Dean will then take the final Decision.

Reporting after completion of the project

In case an application is granted, in whole or in part, the main applicant shall report within six months after the project's completion to the ARILS Director on, amongst others, the performed activities and the output and deliverables of the project.

The form in Annex C needs to be used.

ANNEX A – APPLICATION FORM

1. Main applicant (one person)
2. Co-applicants (where applicable)
3. Period for which funding is requested
4. The amount of funding (include a short budget)
Contact the operations coordinator of your department, and use integral costs (salary and overhead).
5. Title and short description of the proposal
6. Contribution of the proposal

If (a) Research Strategic investments

- a. FSP, IP and/or
- b. potential to generate external funding and/or
- c. strengthen external collaboration for the faculty of law and/or

or

If (b) Methods and Interdisciplinary and Multi-disciplinary Research

- a. Contribution of the proposal to research methods, interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research and/or (PPE) teaching
7. Innovation and societal relevance of the proposal
 8. Shortly describe potential results of the project (activities, research output, other deliverables).
 9. Justification if more than K€25 for **Methods and Interdisciplinary and Multi-disciplinary Research** or K€50 for **Research Strategic investments** is requested

The applicant(s) is/are requested to annex her/his/their CV(s) to this application form

ANNEX B – DECISION ON APPLICATION

1. Decision is made by ARILS Director / Dean

2. On the application

Research Strategic investments / Methods and Interdisciplinary and Multi-disciplinary
Research

Submitted on [date] by [applicants]

For an amount of

To be executed between [date] and [date]

3. The application is rejected/granted, for an amount of

4. Short motivation (not required when the application is granted)

The applicant is hereby informed of the possibility to object against a decision rejecting the application in whole or in part (if more than 25% of the budget has been rejected). Such an objection is to be filed with the Dean.

ANNEX C – FORM ON REPORTING

Max. 1.000 words

1. Name of investigator(s) and title of the financed project
2. Use of budget
3. Summary of activities
4. Output and deliverables
5. Explanation/justification in case the investigator(s) has/have not been able to complete the project as planned