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**Interdisciplinary Grant Application 2023–24**

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To better understand the complex problems of today and tomorrow, we need perspectives and findings from different disciplines working together. Meaningful scientific and methodological innovation requires making the boundaries between disciplines more porous and looking at the numerous societal problems that we face more holistically. The Maastricht Young Academy hopes to stimulate this interdisciplinary collaboration through this grant. While the amount offered by the grant may not help you change the world on its own, we see it as seed money for you to start something societally relevant and full of potential. We very much look forward to your stimulating ideas for interdisciplinary research with staff members across different UM faculties working together.

Here are some factors for the applicants to consider:

* The application is for **young academics** **working at the UM**, namely young academics who have obtained their PhD within the last ten years (meaning, no earlier than October 30, 2013)[[1]](#footnote-2). Applicants who have not received their PhD, but who have received a positive advice of their assessment committee are also eligible to apply.
* The application must have academic staff members actively involved from at least two different faculties as the main candidates, with collaboration across disciplines/domains strongly preferred. Non-UM members and senior academics (those who have obtained their PhD more than ten years ago) may be listed as “Other Project Members in Section 3.
* The maximum amount available for the grant is **€15,000** to free capacity of the staff members involved, to cover out-of-pocket costs, and for other overhead costs.
* Please submit this application form in PDF format to **mya@maastrichtuniversity.nl** along with **the CVs of the two main applicants** by **17:00 on 30 October 2023 (Monday)** to be considered. Thereafter, we will conduct an **eligibility check** and we may ask you to submit additional documents and/or revise/edit the application for resubmission.
* The project **must begin in the Academic Year 2023–2024**.
* The Selection Committee for this application will consist of MYA members.
* This written application will be the first part of the assessment, which will be followed by **an interview for those invited** to the second and final round. Interviews will take place in mid-late November.
* The grant winner will be requested to present their outcomes at an MYA event, other MYA related activities and/or through other means of social outreach.
* Any questions can be addressed to mya@maastrichtuniversity.nl
1. **Project Title**
2. **Project Summary *(max 150 words)***

*Please describe – very briefly – the main purpose and the goal(s) of the project.*

1. **Project Members**

*Please note that you are required to have staff from at least two faculties.*

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|  | Main Applicant 1 | Main Applicant 2 |
| Name: |  |  |
| Faculty |  |  |
| Department: |  |  |
| Phone Number:  |  |  |
| Email Address: |  |  |
| Discipline/Domain: |  |  |
| PhD Award Date (dd-mm-yyyy): |  |  |
| Eligibility Extension? |  |  |

Other Project Members (Faculty/Position):

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1. **Full Description of the Proposal *(max 1,000 words)***

Please describe the following aspects of your project to a general, non-specialist academic audience:

1. What is/are your research question(s)?
2. What is the methodological approach to answering your research question(s)?
3. What is the added value of the interfaculty/interdisciplinary collaboration in answering your research question(s)?
4. How is this project an entirely new collaboration or research line?
5. What are your deliverables and/or scientific output(s)? For example, scientific publications, presentations, policy reports, etc.
6. How can the project outcome(s) be implemented within or outside the UM? What societal relevance, if any, does this project have?
7. **Budget**

*Please estimate the total costs of the entire project, bearing in mind that the maximum amount available is €15,000. The estimate should include an overview of the total commitment in hours and/or an overview of the out-of-pocket costs. Be as specific as possible and ensure that your requests are in compliance with University regulations. We suggest discussing this with your finance officer and/or grant advisor in advance of submission.*

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1. **Timeline**

*Please add a brief timeline of your project (with an intended start and end date) and indicate in which organizational unit and in which year the costs are expected to be made.*

1. **Consent & Signature**

[ ]  Yes, my personal information may be stored for administrative purposes.

[ ]  Yes, I declare that I have completed this application truthfully.

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|  | **Main Applicant 1** | **Main Applicant 2** |
| **Name:** |  |  |
| **Date:** |  |  |
| **Place:**  |  |  |
| **Signature:** |  |  |

1. Extensions may apply. The MYA uses the NWO guidelines. Please visit <https://www.nwo.nl/en/extension-clause> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)