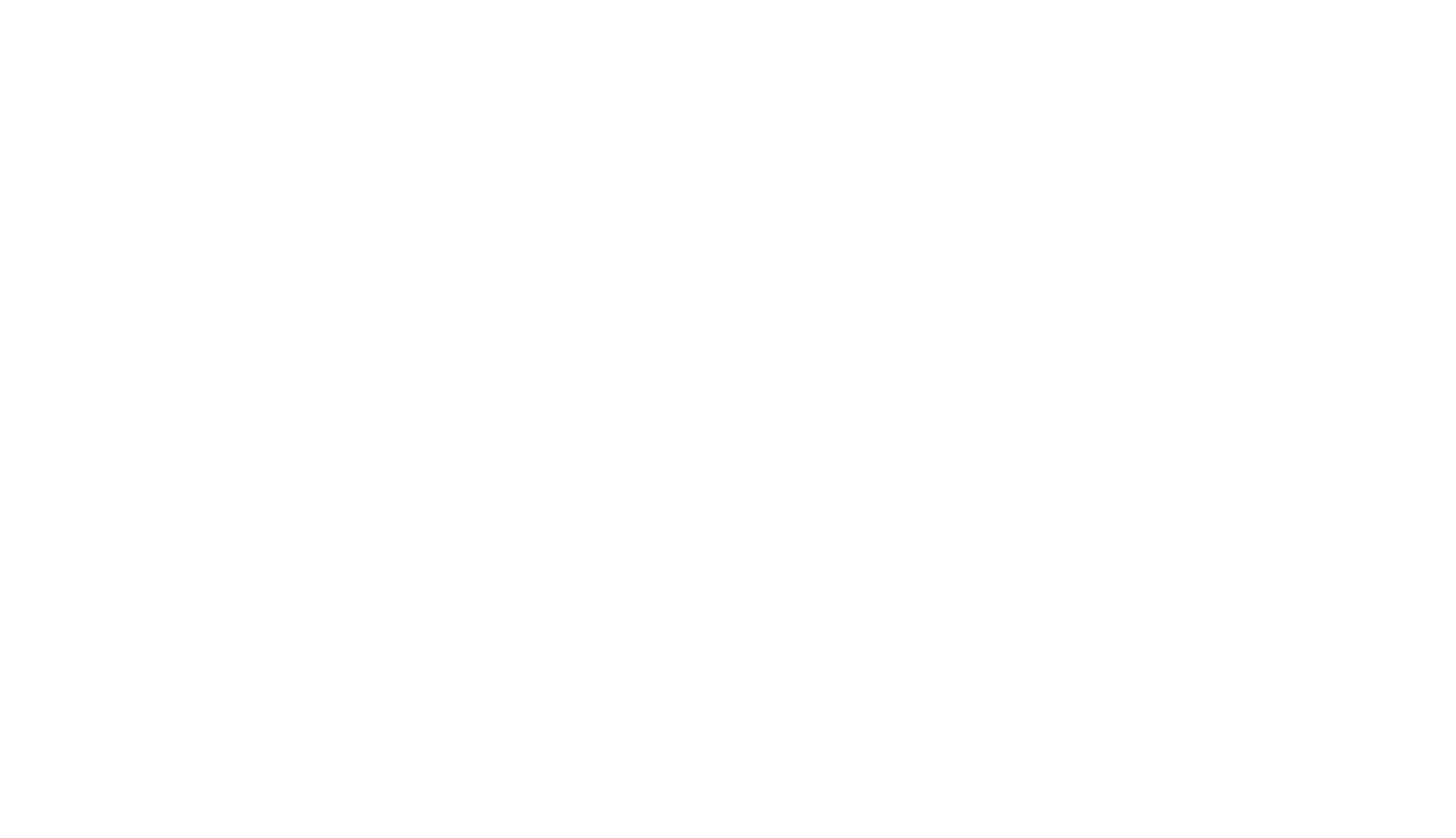
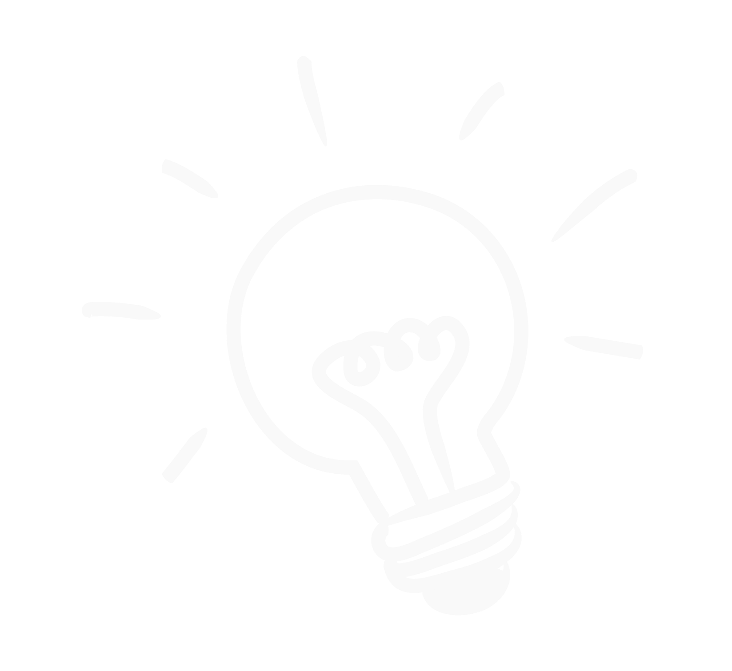
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**Interdisciplinary Grant Application 2025–26**

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**Interdisciplinary Grant Application AY 2025–2026**

To address the complex challenges of today and tomorrow, we need perspectives and discoveries from different disciplines working together. Meaningful scientific and methodological innovation requires breaking down disciplinary boundaries and adopting a holistic view of the numerous societal issues we face. The Maastricht Young Academy aims to stimulate interdisciplinary collaboration through this grant. While the grant amount may not single-handedly change the world, we consider it seed money to initiate projects that are societally relevant and full of potential. We very much look forward to your innovative ideas for interdisciplinary research with staff members across different UM faculties working together.

Here are some factors for the applicants to consider:

* This grant is intended to support the initiation of interdisciplinary research projects. It is not meant to fund networking events, provide follow-up financing for existing research, or support the development of educational activities.
* 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 24, 2015)[[1]](#footnote-1). 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, academic staff whose primary appointment is not at UM, and senior academics (those who have obtained their PhD more than ten years ago) cannot be the main applicant but may be listed as “Other Project Member” in Section 3.
* The maximum amount available for the grant is **€18,000** to free capacity of the staff members involved, to cover out-of-pocket costs, and for other overhead costs.
* It is not allowed to serve as main applicant in more than one application. It is possible to be involved in multiple applications as “Other Project Member”.
* Please submit this application form in PDF format to [**mya@maastrichtuniversity.nl**](mailto:mya@maastrichtuniversity.nl) along with **the CVs of the two main applicants** by **17:00 on 24 October 2025** 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 2025–2026**.
* 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 on 27 and 28 November.
* The grant recipients will be expected to present their outcomes at an MYA event, at other MYA related activities, and/or through other means of social outreach.
* The budget may be used to cover costs such as equipment, applicable bench fees, publication costs, student assistant salaries, relevant travel costs, and other project-related expenses. Teaching time may be bought out with the grant, but research time is not eligible for buyout.
* For any questions regarding eligibility, budget, or other concerns, please contact us at [mya@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto: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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| Name: |  |  |
| Faculty |  |  |
| Department: |  |  |
| Phone Number: |  |  |
| Email Address: |  |  |
| Discipline/Domain: |  |  |
| PhD Award Date (dd-mm-yyyy): |  |  |
| Eligibility Extension? |  |  |

Other Project Members (Faculty/Position):



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

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

* 1. What is/are your research question(s)?

[insert answer here]

4.2 What is the methodological approach to answering your research question(s)?

[insert answer here]

* 1. What is the added value of the interfaculty/interdisciplinary collaboration in answering your research question(s)?

[insert answer here]

* 1. How is this project an entirely new collaboration or research line?

[insert answer here]

* 1. What are your deliverables and/or scientific output(s)? For example, scientific publications, presentations, policy reports, etc.

[insert answer here]

* 1. How can the project outcome(s) be implemented within or outside the UM? What societal relevance, if any, does this project have?

[insert answer here]

1. **Budget**

*Please estimate the total costs of the entire project, bearing in mind that the maximum amount available is €18,000. 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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| **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-1)