

# Guidelines EUR Fellowships Veni 2019

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## 1. Objective

The EUR Fellowship grant is meant as an extra stimulus for talented researchers from Erasmus University Rotterdam. Due to the lack of budget and the growing competition within various funding schemes, it has become more difficult for researchers to obtain research funding from the NWO Talent Scheme and the European Commission H2020 programme. With the EUR Fellowship scheme the Erasmus University Rotterdam wants to motivate talented researchers and facilitate them in writing a grant proposal, executing their research and evolve in their academic career.

## 2. Eligibility criteria Veni EUR Fellowships

- Researchers who have submitted a **full proposal** for a Veni grant and have received an 'excellent' or 'very good' final assessment score but due to budgetary reasons were not funded, can qualify for the EUR Fellowship at the first possible call deadline.
  - Excellent: 1,0 to 1,4
  - Very good: 1,5 to 3,4
- Researchers who have previously received a particular type of grant under the EUR Fellowship Programme **cannot** apply again for the same kind of grant. For example researchers who have won an EUR Fellowship for a Veni proposal cannot apply for an EUR Fellowship for the same grant in a later round.

## 3. Grant Conditions

A total amount of € 1,410,000 is available each year for the EUR Fellowships. A total of €810.000 is reserved for Veni EUR Fellowships. This amounts to **six** Vidi/ERC Starting Grant Fellowships.

- **Three** Veni EUR Fellowships for candidates of EUR Woudestein & ISS
- **Three** Veni EUR Fellowships for candidates of Erasmus MC.

If the juries are not convinced of the quality of the proposals, they can decide on a different distribution of the funds or decide to award less fellowships in the concerning round.

### 3.1 Scope

NWO Veni: € 135,000. This Fellowship can be used over a period of two years (in the event of a full-time appointment). Only the costs that are considered legitimate for a NWO Veni can be submitted for the EUR Fellowship. Only direct project costs (salary costs and equipment costs used to support the research project) can be financed by the EUR Fellowship. The faculty of the applying candidate is responsible for indirect costs such as salary costs for teaching, management tasks, and overhead.

### 3.2 Appointment

The EUR Fellow must be appointed to a faculty of the Erasmus University Rotterdam for the term of the research project as described in the proposal.

### 3.3 Suspension and discontinuation

The EUR Fellowship can only be postponed, extended or suspended with the prior written permission of the Executive Board. The Board will grant permission in the case of a) pregnancy and birth, and b) other exceptional circumstances.

If the researcher leaves the Erasmus University Rotterdam, or for any other reason discontinues all activities associated with the EUR Fellowship research, the funding will be ended immediately.

Discontinuation of all activities associated with the EUR Fellowship research must be explained in a letter submitted to the Executive Board.

### 3.4 Incentive Bonus

In the event that the EUR Fellow acquires the same external financing (Veni) within 1 year after having been awarded a EUR Fellowship (the date of the official confirmation from the Executive board), the part of the EUR Fellowship that has not yet been used needs to be returned per the date of the start of the respective project. The EUR Fellow can submit an application to the Executive Board requesting permission to use a portion of the remaining Fellowship funds as an additional research budget on top of the acquired grant. This amount should never exceed the remaining fellowship funds and is limited to a maximum of €25,000.

### 3.5 Contribution Science Hub EUR

During the fellowship, the EUR Fellows are asked to contribute to research related activities at the EUR for 3- half days. For example as a guest speaker at a research grant training, to be a member of a mock interview committee, or for scientific impact activities such as the EUR Science Hub.

## **4. The Application**

### 4.1 Proposal

The application must be submitted with the approval of the Dean of the faculty, or in the case of the Erasmus MC the head of department.

### 4.2 Contents of the Application

The EUR Fellowship application should contain the following elements:

In the case of a NWO Veni:

- a) The complete Veni application as submitted to NWO.
- b) All correspondence with the NWO, including referee reports, rebuttal and final evaluation report with the Final Assessment Score.
- c) A maximum of 1300 words containing the specific part of the NWO Veni proposal that will be executed in the EUR Fellowship. Please indicate clearly what adjustments have been made with regards to the original NWO Veni application. It is specifically **not** the intention that a completely new proposal is submitted.
- d) A modified version of the NWO Veni budget that fits within the terms and conditions of the EUR Fellowship. The modified budget must be consistent with the description of the elements to be carried out (Part c).
- e) A motivation from the candidate for the EUR Fellowship application.
- f) Commitment letter of the Dean of concerning Faculty, or in the case of the Erasmus MC the head of department, for the EUR Fellowship application.

Please note that additional explanations, attachments or documents, besides the formal template, will not be considered in the evaluation process.

### 4.3 Deadline of Submission

The application will be submitted to [awards@eur.nl](mailto:awards@eur.nl) no later than **Friday 1 November 2019**. The complete application needs to be digitally submitted in a PDF file. All aspects of the application as mentioned in a-f (see 4.2) need to be included in the exact order as stated in the provided template form. The proposal needs to be readable and accessible.

## **5. Evaluation**

### 5.1 Evaluation Criteria

The EUR Fellowship application will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- The quality and talent of the researcher (publications, international network and mobility, academic track record, awards etc.).
- The quality of the research proposal (relevance, feasibility, originality, impact and innovative nature of the research proposal).
- The motivation of the candidate (potential impact and benefits from the EUR Fellowship for the research career of the candidate)
- The NWO or ERC final evaluation report and final assessment score is one of the criteria that is included in the assessment of the EUR Fellowship. <sup>1</sup>

### 5.2 Procedure

The EUR Fellowship coordinator assesses if the received application is complete and meets the admission criteria. The proposals is consecutively sent to the evaluation committee members, who will evaluate the proposals individually on the evaluation criteria and prepare a ranking. These individual rankings will be combined in one overview.

Two jury meetings are organized, with a distinction between the EUR Woudestein & ISS candidates and Erasmus MC candidates. The highest ranked proposals will be discussed and the jury members will reach a decision in consensus for the Executive Board. The Executive Board will base their final awarding on this advice.

1 November 2019	Deadline submission of proposals
12 December 2019	Jury meeting Erasmus Woudestein
12 December 2019	Jury meeting Erasmus MC
Week 16 December	Preliminary results will be announced.
First half of January 2020	Official announcement EUR Fellowships winners.

### 5.3 Composition of the Selection Committee

Both evaluation committees consist of four jury members: the Rector Magnificus (chairman) and three (assistant/associate) professors or Young Erasmus Academy members. The committee is assisted by the EUR Fellowship coordinator. To prevent conflicts of interest researchers from a broad range of expertise will be invited to partake in the jury committee.

## **6. Contact**

For more information, please contact the EUR Fellowship Coordinator:

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<sup>1</sup> The NWO evaluation(s) (in case of NWO Vidi) and evaluation(s) of the European Commission (in case of the ERC Starting Grant) is (are) used in support of the evaluation process. However, the selection committee can decide on a different result.