

GenAI Research Futures @ EUR

A Call for Learning and Experimentation Proposals

Purpose

The *GenerativeAI4Research* programme of Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) invites applications for the **GenAI in Research Futures Fund**, supporting small-scale projects that explore how Generative AI (GenAI) can enhance research activities and practices across the Social Science & Humanities disciplines.

The fund aims to stimulate experimentation, build institutional knowledge, and contribute to a responsible integration of GenAI into the research cycle, when this is suitable. **We welcome proposals that use GenAI as a tool to potentially improve or transform their research workflows. Proposals focusing on GenAI as a research topic will not be considered.**

Scope

Projects may address any stage of the research cycle and any disciplinary domain at EUR. We particularly welcome proposal that aim to:

- **Enhance or transform research tasks**, including literature review, software development, data-driven modelling and forecasting, qualitative and survey research methods and outputs, preregistration, experiment automation, publication, dissemination, AI-optimized datasets, etc.
- **Support legally compliant and fair GenAI use** in real projects, for example around intellectual property and data regulation, as well as bias and fairness in models and data.

- **Build practical GenAI capabilities among academic and professional staff**, for instance through micro-trainings, hackathons, or hands-on peer-learning networks that foster AI literacy and critical engagement.

Proposal types

- **Proof-of-Concept (€1,500–€2,500)**

Supports exploratory projects testing a specific GenAI approach that addresses a testable question within a defined research context.

Expected output: documented learning, including successes, limitations, and recommendations for future use.

- **Adaptation & Scaling (€5,000–€7,000)**

Supports the adaptation, extension, or scaling of an existing GenAI approach that has already demonstrated feasibility.

Expected output: a validated workflow, tool, or implementation that can be reused, replicated, or adapted by others.

Proposals with a budget exceeding the indicative funding ranges must provide a clear justification.

Eligibility

Applications are open to:

- Researchers and Professional Support Staff (PSS) at EUR
- Individual or collaborative teams
- *Collaborative proposals across faculties or disciplines as well as between academics and PSS staff are encouraged.*
- *PhD candidates and early-career researchers are especially encouraged to apply.*

Eligible costs

Funding may be used for:

- **Personnel costs** (e.g., software engineer support, research assistant)
- **Software/Hardware and tooling** (e.g., software or data licenses, compute costs, specialized hardware)
- **Community and Dissemination** (Training or workshop organisation and related material costs)

Assessment Criteria

Proposals will be assessed on:

- Innovation and originality, and feasibility within the proposed timeline and budget
- Wider relevance to EUR's research community
- Expected impact on research practices
- Responsible and ethical use of AI
- Alignment with EUR Strategy 2030

Conditions

Funded projects are expected to:

- Participate in a peer-feedback process during proposal evaluation
- Respect EUR policies on Open Science, Research Data Management, Privacy and Security
- Being able to share outputs and lessons learned in accordance with FAIR principles
- Present results at a GenAI in Research community event
- Contribute to institutional knowledge sharing and good practice development

Submission and Timeline

Applicants can submit their proposal by filling this [Microsoft Form](#).

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis each month.

Contact

For general questions regarding the call, please contact the Programme Manager GenAI4Research dr. Alexia Athanasopoulou (alexia.athanasopoulou@eur.nl).

For questions related to the application procedure, or if you are unsure whether your idea is technically or procedurally feasible, please contact the Work Group Lead - Research Practices, Bora Lushaj (bora.lushaj@eur.nl).

We particularly encourage proposals that generate transferable knowledge, strengthen responsible AI practices, and contribute to the future of research at EUR.