Erasmus Inclusive Prosperity Small Grants Scheme

The Erasmus Initiative on Inclusive Prosperity is a multi-disciplinary research activity that aims to spearhead new ways of thinking about grand societal challenges, disruptive innovations, financial governance, and the roles and responsibilities of public and private actors with the aim of fostering inclusive prosperity in society.

The Initiative invites applications to undertake exploratory collaborative research on a topic of choice. Funding of up to 15,000 Euros is available for research or networking activities that foster relationships between researchers from the three partner schools (Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam School of Management and the Faculty of Philosophy) and that help initiate larger scale research activity. Proposals are welcomed on any topic of relevance to the broader theme.

1.0 Objectives and Scope

The Small Grants Scheme offers financial support for research and networking activities of research active staff within ESL, RSM and Philosophy at Erasmus University. These awards are provided to cover the cost arising from starting up a defined research project or from activity (conferences, workshops) aimed at fostering inter-disciplinary research collaborations.

Funds are available to;

- facilitate initial project planning and development (e.g., the writing of a grant proposal);
- support the direct costs of research (e.g., hiring of a research assistant);
- enable the advancement of multi-disciplinary research through workshops or conferences, or visits by or to partner scholars.

Applicants may seek support for any combination of eligible activity and costs up to the overall limit of €15,000. Applications will be assessed equally on their merits, with no preference as to mode of enquiry.

Grants are not intended to support individual conference visits or travel by staff, even where this involves the dissemination of the results of research directly associated with the theme of the Initiative (staff may turn for such funding to their own schools or faculties instead).

Grants are also not intended for the continuation or promotion of research already undertaken at each of the partner faculties separately. The scheme is specifically designed to pump prime multi-disciplinary research activity between the three partner schools.
2.0 Eligibility

Awards are open to research active staff at ESL, RSM and Philosophy at Erasmus University and not limited to those of any particular status (e.g. assistant professor, post-doc researcher, full professor etc). However, in order to be eligible, applications to the small grants scheme should meet the following criteria:

- Applications should involve the active participation of researchers of at least two of the three partner schools, with preference being given to applications involving all three schools;
- Applications should demonstrate a clear link with the theme of inclusive prosperity, including any of the identified subthemes and research agendas associated with the overall theme;
- Applications should ensure that funds are sought for a clearly defined, discrete activity or piece of research, which will have an identifiable outcome on completion.

3.0 Level of Award

The level of awards is up to €15,000 per application. Grants are tenable for between 1 and 12 months. In the first year a total of €100,000 is available.

Please note that the funding provided through the Small Grants scheme cannot be used to cover the cost of replacement teaching, payment in lieu of salary, or technical equipment – the grant is only for direct expenses for research or networking activity.

Please note also that grants are not provided as a lump sum. Any application should provide a realistic estimation of concrete activities to be undertaken. Grants will be payed ex post, based on real costs.

4.0 Application process and procedure

There are two application deadlines: 1 January 2018 and 1 May 2018. The decision for funding will be made by the management committee, currently consisting of the three trailblazers and the Initiative’s managing director. Applicants will receive the decision in writing, as soon as possible following the 1st of January or the 1st of May.

Applications should be submitted to Jeroen Timmermans at timmermans@law.eur.nl.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss a project idea, please contact members of the management committee; Jack Vromen (vromen@fwb.eur.nl), Evert Stamhuis (stamhuis@law.eur.nl) or Joep Cornelissen (Cornelissen@rsm.nl). Applicants are advised to discuss their proposals with the responsible Research Director, Head of Division or research mentor where applicable.

Successful applicants are required to submit a short report one month after the end of the project for consideration by the management committee containing a statement of original objectives, a brief account of expenditure, project outputs, expected impact, and future plans including the dissemination of findings to relevant networks. The normal expectation is that the funding will be spent within an average of 3-6 months of the award being made, although as mentioned funds can be spent for up to a year.
**Application form: Erasmus Inclusive Prosperity Small Grants Scheme**

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| Breakdown of Funding: activities & estimated expenditures | |

**Give a description of the project to be undertaken and how this links to the aims of the Inclusive Prosperity Initiative**

*(maximum 500 words)*
Give a description of the expected outcomes from, and impacts of the proposed activity

(maximum 500 words)

Please send your completed application to Jeroen Timmermans at timmermans@law.eur.nl