



How to apply for a Leiden Empowerment Fund grant – researchers

The aim of the Leiden Empowerment Fund (LEF) is to enable all students and academics at Leiden University to realise their ambitions by creating an academic environment with equal opportunities for all.

In this grant round, we will be providing LEF grants to first-generation academics who have faced obstacles during their research. First-generation students and academics have considerably less access to networks within and outside the University, and a lack of financial resources often hampers their studies or research. We speak of first-generation scientists if the parents of the researcher did not study at a university.

If you are a first-generation academic, you can apply for an individual grant. This could be for a research project, for writing an article or for preparing for another, larger grant application. The LEF's Expenditure Committee, consisting of Dr. K. Beerden, Prof.dr. M. Bussemaker, mr. H.S.C. Crebolder and Dr. H.F. Verwey, will assess the applications that have been submitted.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this LEF grant round, which is administered by Leiden University Fund (LUF), you must meet the following conditions:

- At the time of submitting your grant application, you must have obtained your PhD no more than five years ago;
- You must currently be employed on a fixed-term contract by Leiden University or must have been employed by Leiden University no more than four months before the submission date of your grant application and must have no other paid appointment;
- The grant application must relate to a time-bound project for which no other funding option is available;
- The maximum grant you can apply for is € 15,000.

Timeline

The 2021 timeline is as follows:

- Applications can be submitted between 30 April and Monday 31 May, 13.00 hours;
- The LEF Expenditure Committee will assess the applications in June 2021;
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome by mid-July 2021.

Application procedure

Use the online application form to submit your application by Monday 31 May, 13.00 hours. Your application can be in Dutch or English. The Expenditure Secretariat will coordinate the application procedure.

Please include the following attachments with your online application form:

1. Motivation

An explanation of your motivation for applying, including a brief outline of the limitations and / or barriers you have faced as a first-generation academic (maximum one side of A4).

2. Recommendation

A written recommendation from your academic director or supervisor at Leiden University (maximum one side of A4).

3. Project description

A project description of no more than 1,000 words (excluding references) and no more than three illustrations (tables / diagrams / images). Use the following format as a guide: 1. Name of project, 2. Background, 3. Problem statement and aim of the project, 4. Method, 5. Expected results, 6. Implications and relevance, 7. Time schedule / timeline.

4. Budget



A budget of costs that can reasonably be expected, such as travel or laboratory expenses and (if you do not have a paid appointment) subsistence costs. Please use the provided LEF budget form for this.

5. CV

Your CV listing publications, lectures and/or public activities that show you are an active researcher. Your CV should also include the date on which you obtained (or expect to obtain) your PhD (maximum two sides of A4).

Awarded grants

If you are awarded a grant, you will receive this in two instalments. The first will be 80% of the grant, which you will receive within one month of being awarded the grant. The second will be the remaining 20%, which you will receive once you have submitted your final report, inasmuch as you have actually incurred the expenses.

If you have any questions, please contact the CWB secretariat (Inge Erkelens) by email (cwb@luf.leidenuniv.nl) or telephone (071-527 7494, Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri).