



FAQ

Seed Grant

What is this grant for?

It is intended to cover expenses related to the preparation of **European proposals**, such as travel, external consultancy, linguistic or technical proofreading, and visual design.

Who can apply?

Researchers, early-stage researchers, and PhD students from any university that is part of the STARS EU Alliance.

What do I need to submit?

The official application form (max. 4 pages including budget), using the required templates, in PDF format. It must be submitted before **December 2025** (three months prior to the March 2026 European deadline).

How many universities must be involved in the project?

At least **three universities** from the Alliance.

What kind of projects are these grants intended for?

Collaborative projects, preferably multidisciplinary or transdisciplinary, aligned with STARS EU priority areas: digital transition, green energy or regional sustainability. Eligible project types include **RIA**, **IA**, **Cofund**, and **CSA** calls.