

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SEED GRANT

What does this grant fund?

The grant may cover:

- Travel and international consortium meetings
- Travel expenses for external partners (if justified)
- External consultancy services, including:
 - Proposal writing
 - Linguistic or technical proofreading
 - External review
 - Visual design of the proposal (tables, charts, infographics)

*If external consultants are engaged, a confidentiality agreement must be signed.

Who can apply for the grant?

Researchers, early-stage researchers, and PhD students from any STARS EU partner university.

What requirements must my proposal meet?

- Include at least three universities from the STARS EU Alliance
- Be aligned with the Alliance's Priority Areas
- Be submitted at least three months before the deadline of the European call being targeted
- Be multidisciplinary or transdisciplinary in nature, where possible

How much funding can I receive?

Type of call	Amount per partner
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RIA, IA, Cofund up to	€3,000
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CSA up to	€2,000
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*Each university covers the costs of its own participants.

How do I submit my application?

- Complete the official application form (maximum of 4 pages, including budget)
- Use the official templates and formats
- Send the document in PDF format to: starseu@org.hanze.nl

What should a successful proposal include?

- A clear project idea and objective
- Alignment with the selected European funding call
- Relevance to STARS EU Priority Areas
- A mature and well-defined consortium
- A realistic timeline to complete the proposal
- A coordinator with experience in international project coordination

What support is available to applicants?

- Guidance from the STARS EU Funding Expert Group
- Informative webinars (the first took place on 11 June at 12:00 CET) and there will be more next Autumn.
- Explanatory documents
- Internal support from your university for administrative tasks and questions

What types of projects are more likely to be funded?

- Projects involving more than three STARS EU partners
- Multidisciplinary or transdisciplinary proposals
- Ideas well aligned with the challenges of digital transition, green energy, or regional sustainability
- Projects led by individuals with experience in international coordination

How and when will my application be assessed?

- Proposals are assessed in order of receipt
- The Funding Expert Group checks compliance with eligibility criteria
- The Steering Committee communicates a decision within three weeks

How long does it take to receive the grant funds?

After:

- The proposal has been officially submitted via the Horizon Europe or FP10 portal
 - A copy of the submitted proposal, a detailed financial report, and expense justification are provided
- This must all be completed within three weeks of submission.

What happens if I don't use the full grant?

Unused amounts are forfeited. Only justified expenses are reimbursed following submission of the European proposal.

Where can I find the necessary documentation?

On the official alliance website: www.starseu.org; [Call for seed grant](#)

Who can I contact if I have questions?

starseu@hv.se and contact to your local university officer