

Fair and Resilient Societies: Call for Seed Grants 2022

The Instellingsplan (IP) topic Fair and Resilient Societies aims at focusing on ways that promote a fair, stable and resilient society, which ensures the well-being of its citizens. Four questions are central to this topic:

1. In what ways do individuals/groups/societies actively shape social, political, economic transitions?
2. In what ways can individuals/groups/societies guard against negative effects of those transitions?
3. What is the role of (government) institutions in these changes?
4. What interventions (from government, organizations, citizens) can contribute to dealing with changes that can be perceived as threats? (threats becoming challenges)

A brief explanation of the terms used above, and some examples.

Examples of *transitions* are political transitions (e.g., rise of populism), economic transitions (e.g., financial crises, financial market developments), labor market transitions (e.g., flexible work, robotization), or population transitions (e.g., migration, demographic developments). Examples of *effects* are polarization in society, growing (economic) inequality between groups of citizens in education or on the labor market, (il)literacy, reduced confidence in the government, increasing crime, scarcity of resources. *Institutions* refer to the political system, government agencies (e.g., tax authorities), the judiciary, health care. *Interventions* can refer to policies and measures by the government (e.g., budgetary policy, emergency laws, EU policy on border control, national management of asylum seekers), central banks, groups of citizens (protests, decolonialization movement). In addition to antecedents and effects of specific interventions, we also encourage to consider factors such as (moral) leadership, art and culture, media, religion, ethics, and morals.

We welcome proposals for studying one or a combination of the questions described above, in which different methodologies can be applied, varying from the use of big data, agent-based modeling, network analysis, observations and interviews, surveys, content analysis, etc.

This is a call for seed grants proposals. These small grants are intended to explore and stimulate interfaculty collaboration and have a maximum of 15k€ each. Depending on the number of applications and the requested budget, we can award between 10-15 grants. Please fill out the form. Below you find the criteria for application.

Deadline: April 15th 2022

Applications can be sent to: secretariaat-decaan-fmg@uva.nl

Application criteria:

- At least 2 faculties should be involved in a proposal, and any staff member of the UvA can apply, including PhDs and postdocs. At least one member with tenure should be involved.
- The proposal needs to specify the relation to the topic of Fair and Resilient Societies, a research question, and an indication of the methodological approach (max 1000 words).
- The proposal should involve new research initiatives and not extensions of already existing projects.

- The envisaged output of the project should be clearly described (e.g., a joint paper, an interdisciplinary research proposal or joint grant proposal).
- The proposal needs to describe what the grant will be spent on, with rough estimates of the amounts and a timeline of the project with a starting and end date.
- The project should be completed by 31st of December 2022.

Eligible expenses:

- Data access and collection, research assistants (RA rate standardized: 55 per hour gross, including UvA overhead).
- Conferences/research travel/visitor proposals.

Selection:

- Between 10 and 15 proposals will be selected by the Steering Group FRS, Fair and Resilient Societies.
- Selection will take place between 15th of April and 15th of May 2022.

Accountability:

The selected initiatives are asked to provide the lightest possible accountability to the Steering Group FRS before the end of the calendar year, which provides insight into the use of funds and substantive progress.

Please use the form below to submit your proposal.

Application Form for seed grants for Fair and Resilient Societies (the proposal can be written in Dutch or English). Please submit by 15th of April 2022 to: secretariaat-decaan-fmg@uva.nl

1. Title

2. Summary (max. 100 words)

3. Relation with the IP topic and Scientific Case (max. 1000 words)

The proposal should involve new research initiatives and not extensions of already existing projects.

Please specify:

- the relation to the topic of Fair and Resilient Societies
- the research question(s) and goals of the project
- the methodological approach
- the scholarly/scientific contribution/innovation

4. Organization and institutional context (max. 500 words)

At least 2 faculties should be involved in a proposal, and any staff member of the UvA can apply, including PhDs and postdocs. At least one member with tenure should be involved.

Please specify:

- How does the proposed initiative relate to existing research groups, how will it be organized?
- Who are the members of this project?
- Are there collaborations with partners outside the UvA?

5. Expected output and success indicators (max. 300 words)

The envisaged output of the project should be clearly described (e.g., a joint paper, an interdisciplinary research proposal or joint grant proposal).

Please specify:

- What products or other deliverables are expected?
- What would indicate the success of this initiative?

6. Budget (max. 200 words)

The seed grants are intended to explore and stimulate interfaculty collaboration and have a maximum of 15k€ each.

Please specify:

- What will the grant be spent on? Please provide rough estimates of the amounts and a timeline of the project, with a starting and end date.