

# ESL Innovation Programme Research

## Purpose

Government funding for research (1<sup>st</sup> tier funding) comes increasingly under pressure. Consequently, external funding for research from contract research and grants obtained in scientific competitions are increasingly important for universities. With the Innovation Programme ESL aims at supporting and stimulating ESL researchers in their ambitions to strengthen their CV's, establish and strength (inter-) national research networks, successfully applying for external research funding, such as NWO and H2020, as well as increase valorization activities.

The **Innovation Programme** provides financial support for the preparation of research proposals to be submitted – in the medium and long term, to (inter-) national funding organizations, aiming at network-building, as well as applications aiming to enhance knowledge transfer.

The **Innovation Programme** accepts applications fitting the research profile of ESL for one or more of the following purposes:

- Applications to finance the cost for activities leading to the preparation of high level research proposals, including research activities that do not immediately lead up to a research proposal, such as publications in leading journals. Research activities that support a promising research proposal in the medium or long term are in principle eligible for funding as well;
- Applications which demonstrate adding to the consolidation of the research profile of ESL, as well as to the the development of new research areas;
- Applications with the purpose to strengthen the CV of talented researchers who qualify to apply for prestigious (talent) grants;
- Applications with the aim of network-building in preparation of a research proposal;
- Applications with the aim to enhance knowledge transfer and knowledge utilization.

## Who can apply

Applications can be submitted by researchers with a permanent or temporary position at Erasmus School of Law. The applicant must be in possession of an appointment at ESL throughout the entire period for which the grant is requested.

## What to apply for

Each calendar year, there is a maximum amount of € 200.000,- available for the Innovation Programme. While there is in principle no upper and lower limit, the amount requested must be proportionate to the intended output(s). Moreover, the ESL Board of Research (DBOZ) seeks to finance projects that cannot be financed in the context of the ESL research programmes.

## See below for a few examples.

The following activities may be included in the proposal:

- (Teaching) Replacement grant for the preparation and/or writing of a funding application.
- Direct research costs for the temporary appointment of an applicant in the bridging period between submission and award. Hiring a student assistant for help in the preparation of a proposal:
- Lab costs, project costs for conducting empirical research (e.g. interviews, special software license)
- Outgoing mobility costs for a researcher for a research stay abroad (max. 6 months) in order to strengthen his/her CV with the aim of successfully applying for a personal research grant (e.g. ERC grants).
- Incoming mobility costs for a visiting professorial researcher (max. 6 months) to build or strengthen a high level national or international research network or consortium.
- Funding of research meetings, inviting guest lectures, in order to strengthen a high level international or national research network or consortium, and deepening of research questions in preparation of a funding application. It should be noted that workshops and seminars, other than with a clear deliverable can be financed through the programme budget.
- Acquisition and valorisation activities.

The final objective and demonstrable achievements for the activity/ies for which the application is submitted must be clearly defined in the proposal. Furthermore, it needs to be clearly indicated for what reasons financing is requested from this Innovation Programme and for what activities.

### **When to apply**

No application deadline applies. ESL researchers can submit a project proposal on a continuous basis via email address: [a.vanderveen@law.eur.nl](mailto:a.vanderveen@law.eur.nl).

### **Assessment**

All applications are evaluated according to three main criteria: quality, fit with the research profile of ESL and expected output. The amount requested must be proportionate to the intended output.

#### **1) Quality of the proposal**

- Quality of the outline and summary of the proposal, such as innovative character, logical correspondence between the project proposal and the expected outcomes of the project, correspondence between the proposed activities and the criteria of the targeted funding scheme.
- Quality of the applicant: based on his / her track record the researcher can be considered as a promising applicant (in due course) for a grant with correspondence to the criteria of the targeted funding scheme
- Quality of the intended partners

#### **2) Expected output**

- Final proposal
- Project deliverables with correspondence to the criteria of the targeted funding scheme

#### **3) ESL research profile**

The research activities envisaged in the submitted funding proposal need to fulfill the following conditions:

- innovative research on the function of law in its economic and social context;
- the promise of international and interdisciplinary research or a strong social and business-driven orientation

### **Assessment procedure**

DBOZ will assess the applications on the criteria mentioned above in a DBOZ-meeting. On assessment of an application, in some cases DBOZ may consult external reviewers to determine the proposal's innovative character. DBOZ will submit their findings to the Dean ESL. The Dean takes the final decision to award or withhold grant based on the recommendations of DBOZ. A review of the financial feasibility of the application by the ESL internal controller forms part of the procedure. The applicant shall be informed about the decision of the Dean as soon as possible after a DBOZ-meeting.

### **Pre Award-Procedure**

The applicant receives a letter of the decision of the Dean. After the approval of a grant application a tailor-made arrangement will be drawn up between the ESL Board and the applicant in which the deliverables and payment of the grant will be stipulated.

### **Details for submission**

Applicant should consult the Head of the Department and, to the extent applicable, the Programme Director before submitting the proposal. Their advice should be included in the submitted proposal.

Applications must be submitted to DBOZ via email address: [a.vanderveen@law.eur.nl](mailto:a.vanderveen@law.eur.nl). The proposal should not exceed 4 pages, including the budget submission.

#### Format of the application:

- Name;
- Advise of the Programme Director and, to the extent applicable, the Head of Department;
- Name of the targeted funding scheme and of the call;
- Deadline of the call;
- Outline and summary of the proposal (max. 2 A4s);
- Intended partners;
- Concrete activities for which funding is requested;
- Project deliverables;
- Clear and concise budget plan + approval of the business controller;
- CV(s).

#### Contact person

If you have any questions about the Innovation Programme, please do not hesitate to contact Annet van der Veen, by email at [a.vanderveen@law.eur.nl](mailto:a.vanderveen@law.eur.nl), or by telephone at 010 408 1619.