

LUCE Funding Form 2026

Preparing a Research Application

Who can apply?

All staff members within the School of Humanities at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the VU. We strongly encourage early career researchers (lecturers and assistant professors) to apply.

What to apply for?

The (partial) costs of preparing a research application, including, for example, costs associated with presenting at a conference, workshop, or event; or travel and accommodation for research visits; or hiring a (student) research assistant.

*Please note that this funding cannot be used for teaching relief.

*Please note that PhD candidates are not allowed to apply. To apply for funding for PhD research, please use the “PhD Support” form.

*Please also note that funding is not available for preparing a PhD application for or with students.

*To apply for funding for hiring a (student) research assistant to help an ongoing research project, please use the “Hiring a (Student) Research Assistant form.

*To apply for funding for hosting a conference, workshop, or event, please use the “Hosting a Conference, Workshop, or Event” form.

Funding amount:

€2.000 to €5.000

Please note that the costs must be made by 15 December 2027.

Deadline:

15 December 2026

Submission:

Please send your completed application form, with the name of the call you are applying to as the subject line of your email, to LUCE at LUCEfund.sgw@vu.nl.

Application form:

1. Applicant(s)

Name:

Department:

Contact information:

2. Research Application

2a. Description

Please add a description of the research application you are preparing (max. 1000 words).

Be sure to include: (1) the names and affiliations of your research partners (if applicable), (2) the names and affiliations of your societal partners (if applicable), and (3) a statement on the academic and societal relevance of your project.

2b. Visibility and Impact

Please state the projected visibility and projected impact of your (successful) research application (max. 200 words).

2c. Motivation for Request for Funding

Please add your motivation for your request for funding (max. 500 words). Please include a description of the costs you are applying for and how they will help in the preparation of your research application. If (part of) the requested funding is for hiring a (student) research assistant, please include a description of: (1) the tasks that will be allocated to your (student) research assistant, (2) how their assistance will aid in developing your research application, and (3) how working with you on your research application will aid in advancing their (future) career goals.

3. Relation to the LUCE Themes

Please state the relation of your project to the LUCE themes (max. 200 words).

4. Budget

4a. Overview

Please imbed a table of all associated costs for preparing your research application. Please also indicate any funding you have received or will apply for from your department, the VU, and/or other funding bodies, organizations, or institutions.

4b. Requested Funding from LUCE

Please state the amount of funding you are applying for from LUCE to prepare your research application (max. €5.000) (max. 200 words).