



Dynamics of Youth open call

Open all year, review cut-off points 2022: See [timeline](#) on DoY website *

**If you need funding at short notice, please contact Danique Daalmeijer, project coordinator, via DoY-Secr@uu.nl*

Dynamics of Youth is one of the four strategic themes of Utrecht University. Dynamics of Youth invests in our future. Inspired by societal issues, researchers from different disciplines integrate their expertise to answer crucial questions regarding youth development and the thriving of future generations. For example, how can we build youth for the future? What do young people need to face and solve contemporary challenges, fulfill their promise, prevent risks, and recover from adversity?

The DoY open call is applicable for all sorts of funding as long as it fits the vision and mission of DoY. The call is open all year and reviewed at cut-off points.

Aim

- The Dynamics of Youth open call funding is applicable for all sorts of funding applications, as long as it fits the vision and ambition of DoY. E.g. it could be used for, but is not limited to, community events, visiting fellowships, podcasts, participation in international conferences and symposia (travel grant), FAIRification, etc.
- The proposal must aim to contribute to the mission and vision of Dynamics of Youth and strengthen DoY and its research domain(s) (see [link](#))
- The aim of Dynamics of Youth is to add value to already existing structures. Therefore, it should be clear why the proposal cannot be funded in another way (e.g., funding by the department, the bench fee of a PhD project or other forms of funding).

Criteria

Proposal related criteria

- The application form cannot exceed a maximum of 3 pages
- Collaboration between at least two faculties (including UMC Utrecht) or disciplines is required if the proposal entails **doing** interdisciplinary research within the UU. If the proposal does not entail doing interdisciplinary research (e.g., proposal for community event or travel grant), please be creative about how you can connect to another discipline
 - Collaboration with societal partners is desirable, but not mandatory
- Description of the proposal, including key goals
- Plan of action
- Why now? What makes that the timing is right for your project
- Contribution to the mission and vision of Dynamics of Youth, specifically to one or more impact areas¹
- Contribution to and strengthening of the DoY community
- Sustainability and embedding of the proposal
- Timeline/planning

Budget related criteria

- A clear and appropriate budget: feasibility of the proposal and its goals
- A simple budget specification form must be filled out and signed by the project controller of your department
- The maximum budget for community events and travel grants is 1.500 euros
- For other proposals the budget must be realistic, with a maximum budget of 20.000 euros. *If you have any questions about the appropriateness of the budget, please contact Danique Daalmeijer via DoY-Secr@uu.nl*
- It must be clear why you are not able to get funding for this proposal elsewhere (e.g. within your graduate school and/or your own bench fee)

Evaluation criteria

All proposals will be evaluated according the following criteria:

- For **Description of proposal** and **Plan of action**:
 - Convincingness, relevance, and feasibility of the research project, the key goals, and the plan of action
 - If the proposal entails doing interdisciplinary research: Convincingness, relevance, and feasibility of the research question(s) and the theoretical rationale(s)
- For **Why now**:
 - Is the timing of this project right and are the arguments for it convincing
- For **Contribution to the mission and vision of Dynamics of Youth**:
 - Is there enough impact to expect and does the proposal fit sufficient within the mission and vision of DoY?
- For **Contribution and strengthening DoY community**:
 - Convincingness of output to strengthen the DoY community and expected effectiveness
- For **Sustainability and embedding**:
 - Relevance and feasibility of the described embedding
- For **Budget and timeline**:
 - Feasibility and realism of timeline and budget

¹DoY defined four impact areas it wishes to contribute to:

- 1) **Research impact:** *Contribute to advancing understanding and advancing scientific method, theory, and application across and within disciplines by conducting and supporting excellent, robust, and FAIR research on youth development*
- 2) **Societal impact:** *Contribute to solving societal challenges in the field of youth development*
- 3) **Capacity building:** *Increase professional skills and qualifications of students, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners in the field of youth development, thereby also contributing to a changing sector that recognizes and rewards talent in research, societal impact, knowledge exchange and education¹*
- 4) **Sustainability:** *Promote the sustainability of existing research, activities, and investments (e.g., FAIRification, strengthening existing research, activities, and investments, like sustainable collaborations). But also increase DoY's visibility; by strengthening coordinating mechanisms and expanding networks, we increase the sustainability and scalability of our activities and create opportunities for connection and innovation.*

Procedure

- Submitted applications are reviewed after the cut-off point mentioned at the DoY website (see [link](#))
- Applications + budget specification form can be submitted via DoY-Secr@uu.nl
- Applications will be evaluated by the DoY office (all requested budgets) and the DoY program committee (requested budgets > 2500 euros)
- We aim to notify applicants within 6 – 8 weeks after a cut-off point

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