**Complex Systems Studies**

**Call Swaantje Mondt Fund 2017-2018**

Deadline: July 16th 2017, 24:00 hrs.

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Complex Systems Studies is an interdisciplinary research focus from Utrecht University that approaches complex societal challenges with theories and models from the natural sciences.

**Swaantje Mondt Fund**

Complex Systems Studies has received a generous gift from Martine and Jaap Mondt. Through the Swaantje Mondt Fund they offer PhD candidates of Utrecht University the opportunity to either conduct part of their research abroad or to follow courses abroad to further develop their research skills. Foreign PhDs candidates working on complexity research are also welcome to come to Utrecht. Both benefactors of the Swaantje Mondt Fund have gained valuable international experience during their career, and wish to offer young talented researchers the same experience. The fund was founded in memory to their beloved daughter Swaantje. Complex Systems Studies will receive €10.000 per year for a period of five years.

**Aim call 2017-2018**

To offer PhD candidates of Utrecht University the opportunity to conduct part of their research abroad or to follow courses abroad to further develop their research skills.

For the next call PhD candidates from foreign universities are welcome to apply.

**Available budget for the 2017 – 2018 call**

€ 20.000

**Conditions**

- The research of the applying PhD candidate should focus on complexity research from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- The proposal gives a brief impression of the nature of the stay (e.g. research at a foreign university, summer school Santa Fe Institute), the PhD candidate, the research area, the scientific contribution to complexity research, the length of the stay and the requested budget.
- A maximum of € 2500 is available per proposal. Declarable costs are for travel, housing and if applicable the followed course. Costs such as consumable research resources are not declarable.
• All PhD candidates within the Complex Systems Studies community of Utrecht University and UMC Utrecht can submit a proposal. The proposal must be signed by the (co-)promotor of the PhD candidate.
• Each applicant can submit only one proposal for this call.
• For the current call, the to be conducted research or to be followed courses will preferably take place during 2017 or 2018.
• Hosting agreements should be arranged by the applicant.
• The proposal must be submitted in the enclosed format.

Assessment criteria
• Track record of the PhD candidate.
• Added value to the complex systems research and community at Utrecht University.
• The jury and board will try to grant proposals with a reasonable spread over the participating departments and faculties.

Procedure and timeline
• Submit by email to Complex Systems Studies coordinator Quirine Laumans (q.laumans@uu.nl).
• Deadline is July 16th 2017, 24:00 hrs.
• The proposals will be checked on eligibility. Researchers of non-eligible proposals will be informed.
• The jury will discuss all eligible proposals. Members of the jury will not contribute to the decision process on proposals of their own group.
• The jury will advise the Board of Complex Systems Studies on the proposals. In case there are more projects than budget available, the jury will advise the board about a priority.
• All applicants will be notified at the latest by end of August 2017.

Jury
• Dr. Kirsten ten Tusscher, chair (Faculty of Science)
• Dr. Martin Bootsma (Faculty of Science)
• Dr. Giulia Piccillo (Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance)

Justification and Report after the grant
• The applicant will be asked to write a report for both the benefactors and the board of Complex Systems Studies.

Questions
If you have questions about the call, please contact Quirine Laumans (q.laumans@uu.nl) or 030 - 253 3278).
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Format

Maximum 2 A4

1. Applicant
   • Name of PhD candidate, research group, institute (if applicable), faculty, email, phone number
   • Name and signature (co-) promoter
   • Curriculum Vitae

2. Details stay abroad
   • Nature of the stay
   • Name University, faculty, research group and or institute
   • Name contact person at foreign university or institute if applicable
   • Length of stay

3. Research focus
   • Research area and scientific aim
   • Added value to the complex systems research and community at Utrecht University

4. Estimated Budget
   • Travel costs (flight, public transport)
   • Housing
   • Course fee
   Note! All costs will have to be declared with receipts

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