

ESDiT Reach fund

Summary

The ESDiT programme foresees in a Research time funding scheme for mid-career researchers who have care duties. The application procedure and conditions for contributions from this fund are specified below.

Background

In the ESDiT Gravitation proposal the set-up of a research time funding scheme for mid-career researchers (assistant/associate professors) who have small children or other care duties, was promised. Scholars with care tasks have to manage many responsibilities and for them, time is an especially scarce resource. The ESDiT programme will provide scholars who have care duties with the opportunity to obtain funding for extra research time by providing financial means to their department to hire replacement staff for teaching duties and provide the scholar with extra research time. Given the challenges that scholars with care duties face, this extra time will not have to be spent at another institution. Rather, the scholars can use this time to be spent working at their office, from home or at a quiet space of their choice, in order to optimally concentrate on their writing.

Conditions

To apply for a contribution out of this fund, the following conditions apply:

- You are an **assistant/associate professor** officially affiliated to the ESDiT programme.
- You have burdensome care duties to fulfill (care for young children, sick family members, ...)
- You have the permission of your supervisor to renounce some of your teaching obligations for the grant period involved.
- The maximum grant amount you can request is **€ 10k** (based on actual salary costs), to be spent in either 3 months full time or spread out over up to 1 year part-time.
- The additional time obtained, has to be spent on ESDiT related research activities.
- Applications need to be approved by your supervisor upfront and supported by the “local” member of the ESDiT Management Board.
- Please note that **per round max 2 applications per institution can be submitted** to the Reach committee. The local MB member is in charge of making this selection.
- Applicants are relatively free to pick a starting date to commence the grant period. The committee acknowledges the time it takes to realize the replacement.
- It is possible to apply more than once for this grant, but previous allocations are taken into account in the decision-making.

Procedure

- The Reach fund opens per 01-01-2022. Applications can be submitted to the ESDiT secretariat, indicating “Reach Fund application”.
- The Reach committee consists of the following members Prof. Sabine Roeser (chair), Prof. Wijnand IJsselsteijn, Dr. Julia Hermann and Seeta Autar (secretary).
- There are two submission deadlines every year: **1 April & 1 October**.
- Applications are evaluated twice a year (after 1 April and 1 October). The committee processes the applications within one month.
- The Reach committee awards the grant, but the supervisor/department involved is the ultimate responsible party to approve and arrange the replacement of the applicant so he/she can pursue the grant.
- To ensure a light procedure, the application only consists of the form below. However, the committee has the right to request additional information from the side of the applicant, the supervisor or the local MB member.

Application form

All the information provided by you will be treated confidentially

Contact details applicant

Name:
Institution:
Position:
Supervisor:
Affiliation ESDiT:

Application motivation

Please describe the reasons for your application (max. 200 words)

Budget & timeline

*What is the grant amount you request and how/when will you use it?
(please add a basic budget breakdown & Gantt chart)*

Arrangement department

How will your department arrange your temporarily/partial replacement?

Added value for the ESDiT consortium

*How will you spend your additional research time, for the greater glory of ESDiT?
(please specify concrete activities/output) (max. 300 words)*

Signatures

Signature applicant:

Signature supervisor:

Signature local member Management Board ESDiT: