

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### **Funding of projects and events in the context of the cooperation between the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg and the University of Groningen**

#### **Preliminary note**

In March 2021, the Presidential Boards of both universities adopted the jointly developed "Roadmap for Cooperation 2020 - 2030", which defines the focus areas and key objectives of cooperation for the next ten years of collaboration. They cover various areas of research, study and teaching, as well as regional transfer in the provinces of Groningen, Friesland and Drenthe and in the northwest of the state of Lower Saxony. In order to accelerate and promote the achievement of these goals, a most broad spectrum of events, projects and initiatives will be fostered. The idea generators and organizers of suitable formats will be supported in their efforts by a project funding of 20,000 euros in total per year. The grants will be taken from the budget of the Vice President for Instruction and International Affairs (Program Budget Internationalization). The University of Groningen provides a similar amount annually.

#### **Promotion principles**

##### **1. funding target:**

The funding is intended to support bilateral projects and events that strengthen the cooperative partnership between the universities of Oldenburg and Groningen. In general, all measures that serve to maintain or expand the cooperation are eligible for funding. Funding is available for projects and events that have a content-related connection to the focus areas defined in the "Roadmap". Please submit the application via one of the spokespersons for the following focus areas:

1. Healthy Ageing for a Healthy Society: Prof. Dr. Lena Ansmann, Prof. Dr. Axel Hamprecht, Dr. Adriana Pérez-Fortis
2. German and Dutch Language, Linguistics, and History: Prof. Dr. Esther Ruigendijk, Prof. Dr. Andrea Strübind
3. Energy Transition and Climate Adaptation: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Lehnhoff, Prof. Dr. Ingo Mose
4. Governance, Law, and Politics for a Sustainable Society: Prof. Dr. Christine Godt
5. Digital Society and Technologies: Prof. Dr. Martin Fränzle, Prof. Dr. Jochem Rieger
6. Teacher Training: Prof. Dr. Martin Butler, Tina Grummel
7. Knowledge Transfer, Entrepreneurship, and Public Engagement: Head of the Department for Research and Transfer, Ilka Carstens

##### **2. persons entitled to apply:**

Teachers and researchers belonging to the Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg or to the University of Groningen are eligible to apply.

##### **3. requirements:**

Funds may be requested by faculty members for the following projects:

- workshops
- summer schools
- innovative event concepts
- Preparation of joint project applications for Horizon Europe, Interreg and national or regional funding programmes

The projects must provide a bilateral orientation, i.e. participation must be equally possible for students and/or researchers/teachers of the Universities of Oldenburg and Groningen. Projects aimed at the non-university public in Oldenburg and Groningen are also eligible for funding.

#### **4. amount of funding**

The maximum amount for funding a measure is 4,000 euros, with the University of Oldenburg and the University of Groningen each providing half of the approved grant. As a matter of principle, a measure is not fully financed; the applicant's own contribution is indispensable. This can also be provided through the use of personnel. Planned expenses for food and catering within the framework of events must be listed separately, as they can be subsidised either in Groningen by the University of Groningen or in Oldenburg by the Universitätsgesellschaft Oldenburg (UGO). It is important to show where the costs are incurred: Costs incurred in Groningen are only billable there, costs incurred in Oldenburg can only be reimbursed up to a maximum of 300 euros from the UGO grant.

#### **5. selection criteria**

The jury will make the decision on the approval of a funding application with special consideration of the following criteria:

- Relevance to the achievement of the objectives defined in the Roadmap as well as to the general internationalisation strategies of the two participating universities.

- Feasibility
- Innovative character
- Sustainability

#### **6. application deadline / application submission:**

Applications for funding from applicants on the Oldenburg side are to be sent by e-mail to the Vice President for Instruction and International Affairs (vp.i@uol.de) and his secretariat (sekretariat.vpl@uol.de) by 31 March, 30 June or 30 September of the current year. A copy of the e-mail must be sent in parallel to the spokespersons of the field of action concerned.

Applications for funding from applicants on the Groningen side are to be sent by email to Jodien Houwers, Coordinator Region West Europe, Office of the university International Strategy and Relations ([j.d.houwers@rug.nl](mailto:j.d.houwers@rug.nl)) by 31 March, 30 June or 30 September of the current year.

In a selection meeting after the end of the respective call period, the selection committee, consisting of the chairman Prof. Dr. Karsten Speck (Vice President for Instruction and International Affairs at the UOL) and the other members Jodien Houwers (Project Coordinator RUG) and Prof. Dr. Esther Ruigendijk (Ambassador of Cooperation UOL), will decide on the funding applications received. The applicants will be informed about the decision as soon as possible.