

Marie Speyer Excellence Grants

Gender Equality Office - University of Luxembourg

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there a minimum budget?	The project budget should be for 130kEUR. The program will award 4 grants in the amount of 130kEUR.
Is there a minimum duration of the project?	No. Just a maximum duration is set (3 years).
Is there a template for the support letter?	No. There is no template. The support letter should explain the relationships to the applicant, it can address the applicant's qualifications and/or outline any resources that will be available to the applicant.
Who should sign the support letter?	The support letter must be signed by a line manager at the University of Luxembourg, committing to host the project in their unit.
I am a postdoc do I need to submit a support letter?	Yes, Postdoctoral fellows and research scientists without ADR need to submit a support letter either from their current line manager or from another researcher supporting their application, and the letter must confirm their commitment to host the project in their unit.
I am a research scientist; do I need to submit a support letter?	<p>Depends on having ADR or not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research scientists with ADR do not need to submit a support letter. <p>Research scientists without ADR need to submit a Support Letter.</p>

Can there be a co-PI?	No. The MSE is an individual grant, it is not possible to have a co-PI. There can be other collaborators/team members mentioned in the proposal.
My contract will expire during the requested funding period. Can I apply?	Yes, if a valid contract can be foreseen for the entire duration of the project in the institutional validation. Please explain the situation in the institutional validation form.
Can I fund my salary?	Applicants with a CDD can cover salary costs as long as they confirm they will have a valid contract with the University of Luxembourg for the full duration of the grant, (namely, the project end date must be within the PI's 5-year term at the University of Luxembourg).
I am an Adjunct Professor (Vacataire), can I apply?	No, Adjunct Professors are not eligible. Please refer to page 10 of the guide for applicants: "Anyone who already has a contract with the UL as an adjunct teaching staff member (Vacataire) cannot be financed through the project at the same time (Category A2)".
Do I need to submit the ePAS before the institutional validation step? And what do I need to attach to it?	The ePAS can be completed at any time and must be approved before the call deadline (3 February 2025), thus we recommend submitting it for approval before or around the time of the institutional validation. None of the application documents need to be attached to ePAS.