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?	Depends on having ADR or not: • Research scientists with ADR do not need to submit a support letter. Research scientists without ADR need to submit a Support Letter.
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, but only if a valid contract can be foreseen for the entire duration of the project. For the team to be able to

	validate the eligibility of the proposal, 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. 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 announce my project in CRIS or ePAS?	It depends. The project announcement platform changed during the call. - if you started the process in 2055 you announce the project in ePAS. - If you announce it in 2026 you should do it in CRIS. Both are accepted.
Do I need to submit the ePAS/CRIS before the institutional validation step? And what do I need to attach to it?	The ePAS/CRIS can be completed at any time and must be approved before the call deadline; thus, it should be submitted for approval at the time of the institutional validation. None of the application documents need to be attached to ePAS/CRIS.
I do not have access to CRIS; how can I announce my project proposal in CRIS?	PostDoc or Research Scientist without ADR, do not have direct access to CRIS. Please ask your research facilitator or line manager to help you to create the project announcement. The recommendation is to: - add the Research Group holder/line manager as supporting PI - the actual candidate as external PI. - The regular PI field should stay blank and answer that the PI is external.

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