



Call - Dynamics of Youth Invigoration grant

Open all year, review cut-off points: See [timeline](#) on DoY website*

Dynamics of Youth is one of the four strategic themes of Utrecht University. Dynamics of Youth invests in our future by investing in youth development. Inspired by societal issues, researchers from different disciplines integrate their expertise to answer crucial questions regarding youth development and the thriving of future generations. For example, how can we build youth for the future? What do young people need to face and solve contemporary challenges, fulfill their promise, prevent risks, and recover from adversity?

The DoY Invigoration Grants facilitate innovative research utilizing data, tools and methods already available and certified. **The call is open all year and reviewed at cut-off points.** Thus, applications can be send in all year, but will be reviewed at cut-off points*.

**If you need funding at short notice, please contact Femke Everaarts, project coordinator, via DoY-Secr@uu.nl*

Aim

- DoY Invigoration grants facilitate innovative research utilizing data, tools, and methods already available and certified.
- DoY Invigoration grants are meant to revitalize these existing data and other resources.
- The proposed research must aim to contribute to the mission and vision of Dynamics of Youth and fit in one or more research communities (see [link](#)).
- DoY Invigoration Grants support open science and scientific integrity.

Criteria

Proposal related criteria:

- The application form cannot exceed a maximum of 5 pages
- Collaboration between at least two faculties (including UMC Utrecht) is required
 - Collaboration with societal partners is desirable, but not mandatory
- Description of the project and research question(s), including theoretical rationale and key goals
- Use of existing resources, tools, or methods, which convincingly profit from an interdisciplinary collaboration
- Why now? What makes that the timing is right for your project
- Contribution to the mission and vision of Dynamics of Youth, specifically to one or more impact areas¹
- Contribution to and strengthening of (one or more) of the DoY communities
- Sustainability and embedding of the proposal
- Integration into landscape
- Timeline/planning
 - Projects need to start within 6 months after approval
 - The maximum duration of projects is one year

Budget related criteria:

- A clear and appropriate budget²; feasibility of the proposed research and its goals
- A simple [budget specification form](#) must be filled out and signed by the project controller of your department
- If you want to buy out teaching, please include signed approval for buying out teaching from your department manager
- The maximum budget for each proposal is 25.000 euros. *If you have any questions about the appropriateness of the budget, please contact Femke Everaarts via DoY-Secr@uu.nl*

Evaluation criteria

All proposals will be evaluated according the following criteria:

- For **Description of proposal:**
 - Convincingness, relevance, and feasibility of the research project, the research question(s), the theoretical rationale(s) and the key goals
 - The quality of the consortium and/or the collaboration between different faculties
 - The effectiveness of the use of existing datasets, tools, and methods
- For **Why now:**
 - Is the timing of this project right and are the arguments for it convincing
- For **Contribution to the mission and vision of Dynamics of Youth:**
 - Is there enough impact to expect and does the proposal fit sufficient within the mission and vision of DoY?
- For **Contribution and strengthening DoY communities:**
 - Convincingness of output to strengthen (one or more) DoY communities and expected effectiveness
- For **Sustainability and embedding:**
 - Relevance and feasibility of the described embedding
- For **Integration into landscape:**
 - Is the project well embedded within the existing literature and is the interdisciplinary perspective convincing, relevant and realistic?
- For **Budget and timeline:**
 - Feasibility and realism of timeline and budget

¹DoY defined four impact areas it wishes to contribute to:

- 1) **Research impact:** *Contribute to advancing understanding and advancing scientific method, theory, and application across and within disciplines by conducting and supporting excellent, robust, and FAIR research on youth development*
- 2) **Societal impact:** *Contribute to solving societal challenges in the field of youth development*
- 3) **Capacity building:** *Increase professional skills and qualifications of students, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners in the field of youth development, thereby also contributing to a changing sector that recognizes and rewards talent in research, societal impact, knowledge exchange and education¹*
- 4) **Sustainability:** *Promote the sustainability of existing research, activities, and investments (e.g., FAIRification, strengthening existing research, activities, and investments, like sustainable collaborations). But also increase DoY's visibility; by strengthening coordinating mechanisms and expanding networks, we increase the sustainability and scalability of our activities and create opportunities for connection and innovation.*

²The funds can be used to free research staff for dedicated tasks in the project, use of existing data, impact activities, meetings, acquisition. Please note the rules and regulations of participating faculties, that may differ.

Procedure

- Submitted applications are reviewed after the cut-off point mentioned at the DoY website (see [link](#))
- Applications + budget specification form can be submitted via DoY-Secr@uu.nl
- Applications will be evaluated by the DoY program committee
- We aim to notify applicants within 6 – 8 weeks after a cut-off point

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