



Dynamics of Youth open call

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

Dynamics of Youth (DoY) is one of the four strategic themes of Utrecht University. DoY invests in our future. 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 open call is applicable for all sorts of funding as long as it fits the vision and mission of DoY. **The call is open all year. Applications up to € 2.500 will be reviewed all year within 4 - 6 weeks after submission. Applications over € 2.500 will be reviewed at the review cut-off points.***

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

Aim

- The Dynamics of Youth open call funding is applicable for all sorts of funding applications, as long as it fits the vision and ambition of DoY. E.g. it could be used for, but is not limited to, community events, visiting fellowships, podcasts, participation in international conferences and symposia (travel grant), FAIRification, etc.
- The proposal must aim to contribute to the mission and vision of Dynamics of Youth and strengthen DoY and its research communities (see [link](#))
- The aim of Dynamics of Youth is to add value to already existing structures. Therefore, it should be clear why the proposal cannot be funded in another way (e.g., funding by the department, the bench fee of a PhD project or other forms of funding).

Criteria

Proposal related criteria

- The application form cannot exceed a maximum of 3 pages
- Collaboration between at least two faculties (including UMC Utrecht) is required if the proposal entails **doing** interdisciplinary research within the UU. If the proposal does not entail doing interdisciplinary research (e.g., proposal for community event or travel grant), please be creative about how you can connect to another faculty
 - Collaboration with societal partners is desirable, but not mandatory
- Description of the proposal, including key goals
- Plan of action
- 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
- 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 budget: feasibility of the proposal and its goals
- The maximum budget for community events and travel grants is 1.500 euros
- For other proposals the budget must be realistic. We deliberately do not mention a maximum budget, because we want realistic budgets instead of budgets that work towards the maximum budget. As a guideline, we can state that granted Open Call applications in 2022 had an average budget of 11.000 euros. *If you have any questions about the appropriateness of the budget, please contact Femke Everaarts via DoY-Secr@uu.nl*
- Applications up to 2.500 euros:
 - If the application does not include personnel costs: a simple [budget specification form](#) must be filled out. The budget specification form does not have to be signed by the project controller of your department. However, when you submit your application, please put the departmentmanager in cc
 - If the application does include personnel costs: a simple [budget specification form](#) must be filled out and signed by the project controller of your department
- Applications over 2.500 euros:
 - 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
- It must be clear why you are not able to get funding for this proposal elsewhere (e.g. within your graduate school and/or your own bench fee)

Evaluation criteria

All proposals will be evaluated according the following criteria:

- For **Description of proposal and Plan of action:**
 - Convincingness, relevance, and feasibility of the research project, the key goals, and the plan of action
 - If the proposal entails doing interdisciplinary research: Convincingness, relevance, and feasibility of the research question(s) and the theoretical rationale(s)
- 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 **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.*

Procedure

- Submitted applications up to € 2.500 will be reviewed all year within 4 - 6 weeks after submission
- Submitted applications over € 2.500 will be reviewed after the cut-off point mentioned at the DoY website (see [link](#)). We aim to notify applicants within 6 – 8 weeks after a cut-off point
- Applications will be evaluated by the DoY office (all requested budgets) and the DoY program committee (requested budgets > € 2500)
- Applications + budget specification form can be submitted via DoY-Secr@uu.nl

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