Seed Grant Open Call – 2nd round 2018
A new call for Seed Grant proposals is now open. In 2018, the Centre for Urban Studies launches two rounds of Seed Grants to support and facilitate research initiatives of CUS’ research staff, both permanent and temporary. In this round, the second of this year, three grants will be awarded with a maximum of up to €2.500 per grant.

Aims and criteria
The grants are provided to assist our members in their work, to foster an interdisciplinary dialogue, and to stimulate original research in the field of Urban Studies. The Seed Grants aim to bring different people together to discuss ongoing research, or to create a platform to develop and/or get additional feedback on research proposals. We especially appreciate initiatives that bring together academic research and work on Urban Studies from different disciplines and programme groups within CUS, enable exchange and collaborations between researchers from the Centre and researchers from abroad, and facilitate a dialogue between academic researchers and stakeholders in the city of Amsterdam and other places. Proposals involving PhD students, (research) master students or aiming at developing new research proposals are particularly welcomed.

An additional (but not exclusive) selection criterion is contribution to the development of the thematic focus of the Centre on the ‘urban commons’. For more information on the thematic focus, see the paragraph ‘Mission and research questions’ in the 2018-2022 strategic plan and the e-mail by the director on 15 February.

Examples
Examples of projects to be considered for funding are:

- Joint workshops between different programme groups or disciplines;
- Activities reinforcing international collaborations;
- Small scale pilot studies or other activities leading to research grant applications;
- Different podia to discuss joint research proposals;
- Outreach projects with the City of Amsterdam or other stakeholders (e.g., public debates, panel discussions).

On the website you can find inspiring examples of activities funded in previous rounds. Eligible for Seed Grants are all CUS members, as well as groups of applicants including at least one CUS member. Besides financial support, the Centre for Urban Studies will help with the practical organization and communication of the awarded initiatives.

How to apply
To be considered for the second round, please send a project description of max. 600 words to urbanstudies@uva.nl by the 28th of September 2018. The description should clearly explain:

- The immediate and longer term goal(s) of the project;
- How the project adds value to the Centre for Urban Studies, especially in terms of inter- and/or transdisciplinarity and thematic focus;
- The project’s timeline, including the expected completion date;
- How the project’s results or outcomes will be shared with the Urban Studies community (and possibly beyond);
- A detailed project budget.

This is the second and last call for Seed Grant initiatives this year. The next call will open early 2019.