

Sustainable Prosperity

Call for Interdisciplinary research projects for funding under the UvA IP

The UvA has issued a call for research projects that bring together interfaculty collaborations within the scope of the IP Themes and with involvement of societal stakeholders. For each project, 200K is available from UvA funding, to be matched (in cash or in kind) with an equal amount by participating faculties.

In the call, at a minimum two projects can be awarded to selected proposals on the Sustainable Prosperity theme.

For the general conditions that apply to all IP themes, please consult the text of the call.

For applications under the Sustainable Prosperity theme, the following additional guidance applies.

Envisaged output

The project funding is for a maximum of 2 years. At the end of that period, projects should result in a continued interdisciplinary cooperation with a combination of PhD projects and involvement of senior staff and external stakeholders, and (co-)funded by external parties and possibly continued faculty funding. These may have the form of a lab (e.g. comparable to ELSA labs or ICAI lab) or a comparable form. The prospects for such a long-term continuation of the project should be briefly outlined of the applicants in the proposal .

Alternative forms of continued cooperation are possible as long as these provide for continuity, sufficient external funding and involvement of external stakeholders.

Project proposals will be assessed based on the prospect of such follow-up projects.

Substantive orientation

The goal of research under the Sustainable Prosperity theme is to promote *transformative, forward-looking research* on the challenges to Sustainable Prosperity as recognized in e.g. the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN and the EU Green Deal, taking into account the impact of individual societies on each other and on the world as a whole.

Such research should help steer human development in a safer and more equitable direction. Safer, by avoiding the negative effects of global environmental change for people around the world, taking into account planetary boundaries. More equitable, by ensuring that all people have and maintain access to the resources that underpin human well-being, now and in the future.

A wide variety of research projects that are presently conducted in UvA, and research ideas that have been floated in the past years by researchers, falls within this theme and could provide a basis for applications onto which this call could build. A non-exhaustive list includes as possible approaches technological, societal, behavioral, organizational and/or regulatory innovations that address the following challenges: ¹

- building more sustainable value chains and supply chains for food products, textiles or other raw materials;

¹ Some of these topics were also included in the 2021 call for seed grants; however, whereas that call was limited to the global footprint of Amsterdam, the present call is not similarly limited.



- reducing the global footprint of the health, building, agricultural or other sectors
- supporting behavioral change to contribute to carbon neutrality and goals related to planetary boundaries
- measuring and supporting sustainable investments by pension funds, banks and other investors
- supporting a plastic transition towards sustainable forms of plastic
- use and transport of hydrogen as a sustainable source of energy

Research projects within the Sustainable Prosperity theme should ideally address multiple levels (global, regional, national or local) and multiple dimensions: biophysical (technological, geographical and ecological) socioeconomic, cultural and legal-ethical.