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JTS Grassroots Grant Jantina Tammes School

Introduction

The Jantina Tammes School is the University of Groningen's interdisciplinary centre dedicated to digital society, technology and artificial intelligence (AI).

The Jantina Tammes School explores how societies can optimally benefit from and contribute to digitization, digital technologies, and artificial intelligence (AI). Our motto: digital prosperity for all. On the one hand, we investigate the ways in which human-centred digital technologies and AI can be developed and applied. On the other hand, we study the coupling of digitization, datafication and different domains of society and how this affects the daily lives of citizens. We do this by engaging in multidisciplinary research and education, and in close cooperation with societal partners.

- We build new research partnerships that have the potential to lead to innovative questions and breakthroughs that will benefit academia and society.
- We create opportunities for researchers to be visible in and interact with society.
- We create innovative teaching programmes for students who want to tackle regional and global challenges.
- We develop courses, workshops and lectures for professionals, youth and interested parties from the general public.
- We encourage students to collaborate with students from other disciplines and with external parties, so that they acquire new skills and improve their chances on the labour market.

Understanding the many facets of digitization, data-intensive activities, and technological innovations requires a multidisciplinary approach. For this very reason, the Jantina Tammes School unites researchers from different backgrounds, from science and technology to humanities and social sciences, to work together to solve complex issues and 'wicked challenges'.

To stimulate activities within the UG that are linked to the Jantina Tammes School of Digital Society, Technology and AI, the JTS office reserved a budget for Individual Grants meant for UG academics, staff and PhD's.

Why do we have these grants?

- To stimulate UG staff on further developing activities related to either research, education, or public engagement covering and promoting JTS related themes.
- To stimulate knowledge development and exchange between UG academic staff from different faculties on JTS related themes.
- To stimulate the dissemination of the work of the UG and relevant stakeholders on digital challenges related to societal challenges.
- To contribute to the development and presentation of JTS in a positive way.

Criteria

- The funding is to be requested by and is meant for UG academics, staff and PhD's
- The activity fits clearly within the JTS range of topics and objectives, as stated above.
- The grant must be used for an interdisciplinary activity related to teaching, research, or creating impact, which transcends disciplinary or faculty borders. The interdisciplinarity can be related to organisers/researchers or to the beneficiaries of the activity.
- The activity has a tangible and clearly defined ultimate goal and/or follow-up step with clearly formulated deliverables.
- JTS Grants are especially meant for innovative activities.
- The grant is meant for logistical, organisational and material costs, including costs for student assistants and research assistants related to the planned activity.
- The applicant has to fill in a form to submit an application for the grant.

- The application should have been discussed with the manager of the applicant so that if the grant is approved, proper implementation within the applicant's unit or department will be feasible. This needs to be confirmed in the application form.
- Applicants who receive an individual grant must submit a short report which will be used by JTS for communication purposes and should indicate the impact of the JTS grant.
- The grant can only be used for an activity in the near future (within 6 months after approval of the request).
- A person can apply only once every calendar year.
- The applicants are obliged to mention JTS in their communication and outreach related to their subsidised activity (by for example showing JTS's logo).

Application procedure

- Funding from the JTS can be applied for on a rolling basis at UG for initiatives that will take place or at least start within the JTS current project lifetime (2021 – 2026). In this timeframe a certain maximum budget per calendar year is available.
- In each year there will be 3 evaluation moments of the received applications: 31 January, 31 May and 31 October.
- To obtain the funding in advance for a specific event, the application should be submitted in time and related to the best fitting evaluation moment before the transfer is needed.
- The complete application form should include the three parts: A) Budget request, B) Project description and C) Estimate of eligible costs.

Finances

- The applications' budget will be reviewed and where possible we will help to assess the estimated amounts.
- The reimbursement will be based on actuals. Hence once your proposal is awarded, we will reserve the requested amount. But only once the costs are certain will we disburse the money to the faculty or unit (also University Services, UB and CIT). There can be exceptions to this but the important thing is that payment is done on real amounts, not on estimates.
- Nominal value of the grant is 2.000 euro, in exceptional scenarios there is a maximum of 4.000 euro for which extra motivation is required.

Internal procedure

- Funding is available on a rolling basis with 3 evaluation moments per year.
- After submitting the application, the applicant will receive the result of the application within one month after the evaluation moment in writing (email).
- Depending on the number of applications received that meet the threshold, the selection will take place via a lottery system.
- A report of the results of the activity is due 1 month after the event or after approval of a project proposal. For this reporting a format is available.
- Submit your request to jtschool@rug.nl with the topic: Application JTS Grant.

The funding conditions for JTS Grants initiatives are set by the JTS.
The contact for more information on JTS Individual Grants is **jtschool@rug.nl** .