

**Dear Colleagues,**

EUniWell, the European University for Well-Being, has been selected as one of 24 new European Universities under the second call of the European Universities programme. Through top level education and research, EUniWell aims to create an inclusive and diverse environment that allows for European citizens as well as those of their partners worldwide to be well-educated, socially responsible and healthy, all critical aspects of well-being. In the longer term, the collaboration will define how a modern, civic and entrepreneurial European university can support social and individual well-being in a global setting.

Well-being is one of the cornerstones of the European Union and a common European value. Since understanding and improving well-being requires a holistic approach, the collaboration will span research, education, and policy engagement. It will support learning at all ages: not just for university students, but also for life-long learners, and the training of teachers. It will foster equality and diversity, including multilingualism and multiculturalism.

As part of their commitment to the Alliance, the leaders announced a second joint seed fund to stimulate research, teaching and policy development partnerships. This will support multilateral projects.

The call (the full text is attached) aims to promote academic exchange and joint research and teaching projects within the consortium. The objective is to actively encourage multilateral networking between the consortium partners and the further development of existing and new cooperative structures based on innovative projects and new ideas.

The grants are envisioned as a flexible instrument to trigger more collaboration, in particular on a multilateral basis between the partners and to encourage innovative projects bringing new ideas.

The EUniWell Steering Team is looking forward to supporting excellent and innovative projects that will foster multilateral co-operation within the consortium.

Best regards

Isabelle Richard (Nantes) on behalf of EUniWell

## **Announcement of the seed funding call**

### **Eligibility**

The proposal must be submitted by teachers/researchers/administrative staff/students<sup>1</sup> from at least three universities of the consortium and should include a description of how teachers/researchers/students from other universities can be involved.

Teachers/Researchers/administrative staff of all career levels and students of the participating universities can apply either as Coordinators or Partners.

The programme is not restricted in terms of content or theme, but priority will be given to proposals that address EUniWell's core commitment to advance well-being in Health, Education, People and Institutions, and/or the Environment. Projects can be on research and/or teaching and/or policy development. Projects that are important for the further development of the consortium can be funded up to 25 000€. Projects creating new collaborations will be given priority.

### **Procedure**

The procedure is based on a one-step approach. A full proposal must be submitted to the EUniWell consortium via the Seed Funding call email: EuniWell\_FundingCall@univ-nantes.fr

Proposers will receive confirmation upon successful receipt of their proposals.

Proposals must be submitted electronically in PDF format (file size cannot exceed 10 MB).

### **Proposal**

The applicant is asked to produce a max. 3-page project description (font 11pt Arial, 1.5 line spacing, 3 cm margin all around) with:

- information on the objective of the planned project,
- description of the importance of the project for networking and collaboration within the consortium,
- list of involved staff (all staff categories are invited to apply) and/or students involved,
- information of the period for which funding is requested,
- budget plan (including a scenario with only digital activities in case of pandemy)
- declaration on compliance with the rules of good scientific practice, if relevant for the content for the proposal (in accordance with the rules of the respective home university of the researchers/students involved)
- an annex with the CVs of the applicant and of the other staff and/or students involved (max. two pages per person)

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the participation of every group is not necessary. Applications only made by teachers or by researchers or by students or by administrative staff are allowed.

### ***Evaluation criteria***

Funding support will be given to the projects that outline the planned collaboration (e.g. existing cooperation, potential of future collaboration), elaborate on the development potential of topics, exchange plans, as well as joint projects.

The main criteria that will be used in assessing and evaluating proposal are:

- participation of professional (including all staff categories) staff/researchers/students from at least four participating universities. Preference will be given to applications that include both staff and students.
- added value for future collaboration with professional staff/researchers and, or students of the participating partner universities
- quality and innovation potential of the project ideas, e.g. in terms of new exchange formats/tools, new research ideas, digitization, entrepreneurship, ideas for shaping future Europe and global engagement
- reference to EUniWell's core commitment to advance well-being in Health, Education, People and Institutions, and/or the Environment
- reference to the objectives of the funding line *European Universities*

The maximum budget that can be requested is 25.000 euros and has to be spent within a year. There are no limitations/requirements/conditions on how the funding can be spend. There's no matching required<sup>2</sup>.

### **Report**

Within six months of the end of the approval period, each selected applicant will be asked to submit a written report of no more than five pages (font 11pt Arial, 1.5 line spacing, 3 cm margin all around) that describes the outcome of the project, especially with respect to the main criteria listed above..

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<sup>2</sup> EUniWell seed funding will be subject to the travel reimbursement and other relevant financial policies of the recipient's host institution.

**Schedule of the call**

Date	Event
17/11/2020	Release of the AO
29/01/2021 17.00 CET	End of Full proposal submission
02/03/2021	Selection of full projects

**Proposals should be addressed to: [euniwell-fundingcall@univ-nantes.fr](mailto:euniwell-fundingcall@univ-nantes.fr)**

**If you have any further queries please contact the same address.**