

UvA FGw Aspasia Fund 2020

Call for proposals

Aim

The UvA FGw Aspasia Fund is currently inviting applications for the year 2020. The fund was established as an encouragement for women faculty members, to help them take a next step in their career by strengthening their research profile. To this aim, it facilitates temporary release from teaching duties. We welcome applications from women of diverse backgrounds or who have experienced a break in their career or additional responsibilities (e.g. due to leave and/or care tasks). Women academics on a teaching contract without allocated research time are also invited to apply.

As an inclusive faculty, we are committed to achieving gender balance and believe in taking additional measures to increase the number of women, especially in senior roles. Simultaneously, we wish to support individual efforts aimed at consolidating the faculty's research capacity and enriching its profile. The — accessible — FGw-Aspasia grant seeks to enhance the opportunities available to women lecturers and researchers by creating time to write grant applications or to strengthen their cv in preparation of a grant application.

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What can be applied for?

The Fund will be used to temporarily release women academics from teaching duties to enable them

- a. to prepare and write applications for senior personal grants, or
- b. to take a step in their career development and strengthen their publication list, with the ultimate goal of having a better chance of success when applying for personal research grants in the near future.

The release time from teaching duties is 0.2 FTE for one semester (6 months) or 0.1 FTE for two semesters (12 months) in the academic year 2020/2021; i.e. starting in or after September 2020. Candidates who apply to the Aspasia Fund can only prepare an NWO/ERC grant proposal with a deadline in 2021.

Applications can be prepared for the following grant deadlines:

- ERC Starting (October 2021)
- ERC Consolidator (February 2021)
- ERC Advanced (August 2021)
- NWO Vidi (October 2021)
- NWO Vici (March 2021)

For details, see the factsheet personal grants (PDF) below. For advice about eligibility and strategic planning, candidates can contact the FGw Grant Team (subsidie-fgw@uva.nl).

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants are women researchers (D, UD, UHD or full professors) employed by the Faculty of Humanities, UvA, who have not received a grant from the FGw Aspasia Fund before.

- a. *Applications to the Fund for the preparation of a grant application:*
- Applicants will conduct the research project at the FGw of the UvA following the award of the grant.
 - Applicants meet the eligibility criteria of the grant they intend to apply for.
 - Applications are drawn up in accordance with the guidelines provided below and contain a description of the research, the type of grant being applied for, an academic CV, and a work plan.
 - The research project for which a grant is being applied for relates to the work of the research school and/or research priority area.
 - Applications are accompanied by a statement of consent from the Department Chair, ensuring release from teaching duties should the grant be awarded.
 - Applications are accompanied by a statement of consent from the director of the Research School, stating that the intended proposal fits within the research profile of the school.
 - Applicants commit to writing and submitting the intended grant application.
- b. *Applications to the Fund to strengthen the list of publications:*
- Applications are drawn up in accordance with the guidelines provided below and contain a description of the publication(s), the intended publisher of the article/book, an academic CV, and a work plan.
 - The planned publication(s) relate(s) to the work of the research school and/or research priority area.
 - The planned publication(s) need(s) to be submitted (to the publisher/journal) by the end of the grant period.
 - Applications are accompanied by a statement of consent from the Department Chair, ensuring release from teaching duties should the Aspasia Fund grant be awarded.
 - Applications are accompanied by a statement of consent from the director of the Research School, stating that the intended publication(s) fits within the research profile of the school.
 - A clear indication is given of the NWO/ERC grant that the applicant is aiming to apply for once the publication list has been strengthened.
 - Applicants commit to writing an application for a research grant, to be embedded in the FGw of the UvA, after the publication(s) have been submitted.

Applications assessment

An expert panel consisting of Aspasia laureates and the research director of AIHR, Irene Zwiép, will consider the applications based on grant-specific criteria and indicators. In light of the grant being applied for, applications will be assessed primarily on the basis of the quality of the researcher and that of the research plan. The panel will receive advice from the Grant Team Humanities.

Timetable

- 31 January 2020 - Applications deadline
- Feb 2020 - Assessment and final decision by the panel
- March 2020 - Result announced to applicants

Submitting an application

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to subsidie-fgw@uva.nl as a **single file in PDF format**. See the guidelines for drawing up a proposal (PDF) below.

Information

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