



ASE grant application stimulation scheme

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Aim

The aim of this scheme is to increase the number and success-rate of ASE researchers who apply for large individual grants, such as NWO Open Competition, NWO Veni/Vidi/Vici and ERC starting/consolidator/advanced, or for other large selected grants.

Junior researchers are highly encouraged to start with a small-scale grant, such as the NWO Open Competition XS. Please note that grants that provide small funds do not qualify for compensation.

Preparation and eligibility

Compliance with the prescribed steps in the *ASE Step-by-step plan for individual grant applications* is a prerequisite for compensation. Information concerning a required support letter, such as an embedding guarantee, and the relevant contact persons for each stage in the process is provided in that document.

Compensation

For the time spent on preparing a grant application, ASE-RI can award a compensation. This compensation is allocated to the head of the section where the researcher is based. The section head is free to decide whether it will be used to compensate the teaching time of the researcher and, if this is the case, when the compensation will take place. It is well possible that the compensation will be utilized otherwise, for instance when decreased teaching time already follows from a successful grant application.

NWO Open Competition M / L:	15 cu only for a second round
NWO VENI:	15 cu
NWO VID I and VIC I:	15 cu for the first round, 15 cu for a second round
ERC:	30 cu
NWO Gravitation (NWO):	in consultation
Horizon Europe	in consultation

Applicants

The compensation applies to ASE researchers with a maximum of 50% (first money stream) research time (or 60% for tenure trackers).

Compensation criteria

The research director takes a number of matters into consideration when deciding whether to allocate compensation. The following criteria apply:

- The grant application must be complete and of sufficient quality;
 - The faculty's IXA grant advisor should have been consulted at a timely stage (see the step-by-step plan);
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- The grant application is new and not an adjustment of an old application (even for a different grant scheme);
- Each researcher may apply for compensation at most every other year;
- Costs and benefits of the research project as well as compatibility with the research profile of ASE are taken into consideration in the decision;
- In case of several applications at the same time, a selection may take place.

Application procedure

Applications should be sent to ase-ri@uva.nl, see the *Step-by-step grant applications ASE*. Together with the grant application, the applicant should send a short statement that (i) IXA has indeed been consulted, (ii) the application is new, and (iii) indicates the two year time span for which this is the single application.

Assignment

The compensation will be awarded *after* the final application has been formally assessed and the grant application round is closed. The compensation will not be granted in case the grant application results in funding.