

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Studio Europa Maastricht Research Call 1: Interdisciplinary Research Projects (2026)

This document outlines the terms and conditions that apply to Studio Europa Maastricht (SEM) grants for Research Call 1. By submitting your application, you confirm that you have read and agree to these terms and conditions.

If you have any questions about the SEM research calls or these terms and conditions, please contact research@studioeuropamaastricht.nl.

1. SEM research calls

SEM issues annual, open research calls in support of interdisciplinary Europe-focused research and outreach initiatives. They are open to researchers from all faculties of Maastricht University (UM) and aim to:

- Foster interdisciplinary collaboration in support of the UM research agenda on Europe.
- Ensure UM's expertise on Europe informs and engages societal and policy stakeholders.

The research calls align with UM's ambitions as laid out in its current strategic programme and related implementation plans.

2. Grant sum and disbursement of funding

Successful applicants will receive a grant of up to €10,000.

- Once the SEM Academic Board has approved the project and all administrative steps are completed, the grant will be transferred to the departmental budget number provided by the lead applicant.
- Funding will be disbursed as a single payment at the start of the project.
- Funded projects must be completed in the (calendar) year of application or in the year that follows. For example: projects funded in 2026 should be finalised by the end of December 2027.

3. Visibility and acknowledgement

Grant holders should inform SEM **at least two weeks in advance** of key project milestones so these can be promoted through SEM's communication channels. Examples include conference presentations, the submission of manuscripts or external funding applications. If in doubt, please contact SEM.

Grant holders must also acknowledge SEM's support in all project-related output, publications and communication. Please use the following guidelines:

Include SEM branding

Add the SEM logo to publications, presentation slides, posters and promotional materials. (*Grant holders will receive a logo pack*)

Use the standard acknowledgement text (where appropriate)

- "This research is financed by Studio Europa Maastricht, a centre of expertise for academic research, policy and public debate at Maastricht University."

Refer to SEM online channels (where applicable)

Include our website link or tag our accounts in relevant promotional materials or social media posts:

- SEM website: www.studioeuropamaastricht.nl
- LinkedIn: [Studio Europa Maastricht](#)
- Bluesky: [@studioeuropa.bsky.social](#)
- Instagram: [@studioeuropamaastricht](#)

Acknowledge SEM at events

Mention SEM's role in conference presentations or other public events linked to the project, where feasible and relevant.

4. Reporting

Grant holders must submit a final report within six weeks of completing the project, containing:

- A summary of the project (200–600 words) in accessible language for a broad audience.
- An overview of achieved objectives, main findings and academic output.
- An outline of follow-up activities (i.e. journal submissions, conference presentations or further funding applications).
- A list of the dissemination activities undertaken during the project.
- An overview of all incurred costs. SEM may reclaim unused funds or reallocate them after consultation.

Alternative reporting formats may be used, depending on the project. Grant holders wishing to do so (for example through a policy brief, video presentation or visual summary) should contact SEM well before the submission deadline.

5. Changes to the project

Changes to the approved project – particularly major shifts in research objectives, methodology, collaboration structure or planned output – must be **communicated to SEM immediately**.

- **Minor adjustments** may be approved directly by SEM staff.
- **Major changes** require review and approval by the SEM Academic Board.
- **Failure to communicate major changes** constitutes a breach of these Terms and Conditions.

6. Breach of Terms and Conditions

SEM may recover the full grant from the department to which it was disbursed if the Terms and Conditions are not met, including in cases where:

- Significant changes are made to the project without prior approval by the SEM Academic Board; or
- Agreed output or activities are not delivered.

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