Requirements for applications to receive funding for a NOSTER thematic seminar Applications for thematic seminars should meet the following criteria:

- a) The thematic seminar should have an academic character. The goal, relevance and program of this seminar should be clearly mentioned in the application.
- b) The topic of the seminar should be relevant to a substantial part of the NOSTER members and is preferably multidisciplinary of nature.
- c) The seminar needs to be organised by scholars from (at least two) different institutions that participate in NOSTER
- d) The inclusion of program elements particularly aimed at junior members (e.g., short paper presentations or poster sessions) is recommended.
- e) The budget costs of the planned activities as well as an indication of how the group intends to use the funding requested from NOSTER.

Additional requirements that the thematic seminars need to meet:

- 1) Only NOSTER members (seniors, juniors, or a combination of both) can apply for funding of a thematic seminar.
- 2) NOSTER members should be able to participate in the seminar for free.
- 3) In principle the seminar takes place on a single day. If the seminar takes place on more than one day, it should be possible and useful to participate in the seminar for one day only.
- 4) Besides of the academic part, the seminar also provides opportunity for socialising and networking (preferably a lunch or diner).
- 5) The seminar takes place on a location that is within easy reach (through public transport).
- 6) Long before the thematic seminar takes place, the organisers should generate substantial publicity.
- 7) Inviting international speakers is possible. The organisers of the seminar are responsible for such arrangements.
- 8) In publicity statements on the thematic seminars it should be explicitly announced as a "NOSTER thematic seminar".

Applications that do not comply with these conditions and/or do not contain all requested elements, will not be considered.

The Executive Board aims at disciplinary/thematic differentiation in granting funding. After the application deadline the Board assesses the applications and makes a decision, which is then publicly announced.

Funding applications for thematic seminars can be sent to noster@ru.nl