

Application criteria for funding for a NOSTER Research Collaboration Group (RCG)

Within a Research Collaboration Group (RCG) researchers work together during a limited period of time on a border-crossing and innovative research project of which the intended output has been described in advance. The research subject, activities, and research aims of the project have to be specified, as well as the time planning and costs. Every RCG has one or more coordinators, who are responsible for the organization and completion of the project. The size of the funding depends on the number of participants and the project term. As NOSTER's budget for RCG's changes every year, in principle NOSTER provides funding for one year only. However, the group can request a funding extension for another year (with a maximum of four years), by filling out this application form indicating "request of funding extension". The current personal funding is € 100,- per senior member. Participation in several RCG's is possible, but every senior member can use his/her personal funding only for one group per year. Applications can be made at any time. At least twice a year the Executive Board decides on the assignment of funding.

Applications for funding for RCG's should include the following elements:

- a) A clear description of research topic, research goal, relevance, time schedule, method and intended results of this cooperation. The group preferably consists of members from different academic disciplines.
- b) The name(s), position(s) and institution(s) of the group's initiator(s) and/or coordinator(s).
- c) The names, position(s) and institutions of the other group members. The group consists of at least four senior NOSTER members. These members need to work at (at least two) different institutions that participate in NOSTER. Junior members and non-affiliated researchers can join the group and project, but do not qualify for NOSTER funding.
- d) A set term and the output. This output should include one of the following elements: a coherent edited volume; a special issue of a journal; a conference; an (international) research application etc.
- e) A program of intended activities of the group.
- f) 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 RCG need to meet:

- 1) Each year the coordinator(s) of the group reports to NOSTER about its activities, the progress and the results of the project.
- 2) The involvement of NOSTER should be explicitly mentioned in the output (publications, conferences, etc.).

The application form for NOSTER funding can be found on [the RCG page](#) on the NOSTER website.