

Application Criteria for NOSTER Research Application Funding 2023

In 2023, NOSTER offers a maximum of €10.000 in funding for an innovative, collaborative project that will result in a competitive application for an NWO, ERC or other major research grant.

Application criteria

1. Applications can only be submitted by senior¹ NOSTER members. If you are not a member, please visit [our website](#) to find out if you are eligible for membership.
2. The application should clearly explain which grant(s) will be applied for and why the application is expected to be competitive (i.e., why there is a reasonable chance that the project will be funded).
3. The application discusses how the project fits within the broader field of Theology and Religious Studies in the Netherlands, and how it makes an innovative contribution to this field of study.
4. The application explains how it will foster collaboration with other scholars and institutions affiliated with NOSTER. Preference will be given to research projects that directly involve multiple NOSTER members and institutions.
5. The application includes a realistic planning and clear explanation of how the budget will be used.
6. The application mentions one (main) applicant, with whom NOSTER communicates.
7. The length of the application does not exceed eight pages.

Further stipulations

1. NOSTER reserves the right not to award the grant if no application of sufficient quality is received.
2. Any NOSTER grant must be used before the end of the year that follows after the year in which NOSTER awarded it. If the applicant(s) decide not to submit an application to a national or international funding agency, NOSTER reserves the right to reclaim (a reasonable part of) the funding amount that was awarded.
3. If NOSTER decides to fund the proposal, NOSTER should be mentioned in any output (publications, conference programmes, websites, etc.) related to the project and receive a brief report after the grant period.

Procedure

Funding applications are to be submitted to noster@ru.nl. The application deadline is **20 August 2023 at 23:59**. The Academic Director of NOSTER will make a decision in consultation with the Advisory Board (*Adviescollege*). Results are expected to be announced by the end of September.

¹ Postdoctoral researchers and assistant/associate/extraordinary/full professors.