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About the Graduate School of Humanities

The Graduate School of Humanities provides the comprehensive Research Master Humanities (including five specializations) and a tailor-made training programme for PhD’s (including courses on Academic English, Data Management and Research Integrity).

Our slogan is: Connecting Humanities for Imaginative Research. By ‘connecting humanities’, we mean in the first place that we strive to connect the university to the outside world, by making research relevant to societal issues. In the second place we aim to connect disciplines, by promoting interdisciplinary research and collaboration. Finally, we want to connect people. Meeting renowned scholars, discussing your work with peers, and building an (international) network are just as important for successful research as reading, writing and contemplation.

In order to reach these goals, the Graduate School of Humanities provides three types of funding:

1. **GSH Activity Fund** for staff members (max. 600 euros)
2. **GSH PhD Fund** for PhD students (max. 1500 euros)
3. **GSH ReMa Fund** for Research Master’s students (max. 500 euros)

Staff members can apply for funding when they organize an event for MA students and PhDs, such as a graduate lecture or a meet-up with employers from companies and research institutes (GSH Activity Fund). Research Master’s students and PhD students can apply for funding to attend conferences and to travel to libraries and research institutes abroad (GSH ReMa Fund and GSH PhD Fund).

Requests will be assessed and funding allocated on a “first come, first served” basis. Funding is subsequent to available funds per calendar year. Once funds are depleted no further applications will be granted.
GSH Activity Fund

The GSH Activity Fund is intended for academic activities organized by staff members of the Faculty of Humanities. The objective is to encourage staff members to organize events that appeal to Research Master’s students and PhD students from a variety of disciplines. Interdisciplinary initiatives are highly appreciated. The Graduate School supports a range of activities, such as:

- lectures (or lecture series)
- conferences
- workshops
- expert meetings
- colloquia
- book presentations

For whom?
The funding opportunities are open to all staff members of the Faculty of Humanities wishing to organize interdisciplinary events for Research Master students and PhDs.

Funding amount
€3000,- has been allocated yearly by the Graduate School of Humanities for the GSH Activity Fund. Each staff member can apply for funding up to a max €600,- per calendar year. The Graduate School will make every attempt to give each department an equal share of funding. This can mean that events can be partially funded or not funded at all. The amount funded depends on the activity for which funding is requested. Funding is subsequent to available funds. Once funds are depleted no further applications will be granted.

What is funded?
The GSH funds the following costs:
- Honoraria/speaker fees
- Travel costs of speakers
- Accommodation costs of speakers
- Coffee, tea and/or drinks reception

When to apply?
You can apply at any moment before the event takes place. Applications will normally be processed within 3 weeks after all relevant documents are received. When you are applying for a GSH Activity Fund with a budget larger than €600,- you have to submit your proposal with a budget overview at least 3 months before the event will take place. You are kindly requested to take this into account and apply well in advance.

How to apply?
The application must contain the following documents:
- The application form.
Letter of motivation, in which you present what the funding will be used for, and how the project will benefit and involve the GSH (max. 1 page A4).

Detailed budget estimate of a max. €600,-

The application should be addressed to the bureau coordinator of the GSH, Ms. Rita van der Schriek-Hermans and sent to graduate.school.fgw@vu.nl. As soon as all documents have been received, the applicant will be sent a message of confirmation.

What are the assessment criteria?
All applicants will be assessed by the director of the Graduate School of Humanities according to the following criteria:

- The benefits of the event for ReMa students and PhDs (not restricted to one discipline)
- The necessity of the costs stated in the budget overview
- The GSH funding that has already been granted to your department during the calendar year

How to report?
The applicant is required to send a final report and overview of the costs made within six weeks after the funding has ended. For the guidelines for the final report and financial overview please check the section Application Procedure in this guide.

PLEASE NOTE: no applications will be considered for funding by the GSH that are submitted after the activity took place!
GSH PhD Fund

The objective of the GSH PhD Fund is to encourage PhD candidates to gain research experience abroad or to otherwise expand their research activities. The GSH wishes to provide some financial support in order to enable students to realise their plans or projects. PhD’s can apply for a grant from this fund in order to:

- attend and/or present a paper at a conference, symposium, workshop etc.
- undertake a research trip in the context of the research the PhD is doing.
- other research activities that are considered to be vital to the outcome of the research done by the PhD.

For whom?
The GSH PhD Fund is meant for PhD candidates (internal as well as external) who are in the final stages of their research and have no bench fee or travel expenses in their project budget left, or do not have any bench fee or allocated travel budget at all. PhD candidates with a bench fee or travel budget are not eligible for funding.

Funding amount
€6000,- has been allocated by the Graduate School of Humanities for the PhD Fund. Each PhD student without any bench fee can apply for funding up to a max €1500,-. The amount funded depends on the activity for which funding is requested. Funding is subsequent to available funds. Once funds are depleted no further applications will be granted.

What is funded?
The GSH funds the following costs:
- Travel costs
- Accommodation costs
- Fees for conference/symposium/workshop etc.
- Entry tickets for museums and libraries

When to apply?
You can apply at any moment before the event takes place. Applications will normally be processed within 3 weeks after all relevant documents are received.

How to apply?
The applicant must submit the following documents:
- Funding form
- Letter of motivation (max. 1 page A4)
- Detailed budget estimate of a max. €1.500,-
- An overview of your bench fee signed by FGW Project Control*
- List of deliverables

The application should be addressed to the bureau coordinator of the GSH, Ms. Rita van der Schriek-Hermans and sent to graduate.school.fgw@vu.nl. As soon as all documents have been received, the applicant will be sent a message of confirmation.
What are the assessment criteria?
All applicants will be assessed by the director of the Graduate School of Humanities according to the following criteria:

- The relevance of the research activity for which a grant is asked
- The feasibility of the research activity
- The necessity of the costs stated in the budget overview

How to report?
The applicant is required to send a final report and overview of the costs made within six weeks after the funding has ended. For the guidelines for the final report and financial overview please see the section Application Procedure in this guide.
GSH ReMa Fund

The objective of the GSH ReMa Fund is to encourage research master students to gain research experience abroad or to otherwise expand their research activities. The GSH wishes to provide financial support in order to enable students to realise their plans or projects. Students can apply for a grant from this fund in order to:

- attend and/or present a paper at a conference, symposium, workshop etc.
- undertake a research trip in the context of the research the Research Master’s student is doing
- other research activities that are considered to be vital to the outcome of the research done by the student

For whom?
The GSH ReMa Fund is meant for all Research Master’s students at the Faculty of Humanities who need funding to undertake research activities vital for their training programme.

Funding amount
€6000,- has been allocated by the Graduate School of Humanities for the ReMa Fund. Each Research Master’s student can apply for funding up to a max €500,- during the two year programme. The amount funded depends on the activity for which funding is requested. Funding is subsequent to available funds. Once funds are depleted no further applications will be granted.

What is funded?
The GSH funds the following costs:
- Travel costs
- Accommodation costs
- Fees for conference/symposium/workshop etc.
- Entry tickets for museums and libraries

When to apply?
You can apply at any moment before the event takes place. Applications will normally be processed within 3 weeks after all relevant documents are received.

How to apply?
The applicant must submit the following documents:
- Funding form
- Letter of motivation (max. 1 page A4)
- Detailed budget estimate of a max. € 500.--
- List of deliverables

The application should be addressed to the bureau coordinator of the GSH, Ms. Rita van der Schriek-Hermans and sent to graduate.school.fgw@vu.nl. As soon as all documents have been received, the applicant will be sent a message of confirmation.
What are the assessment criteria?
All applicants will be assessed by the director of the Graduate School of Humanities according to the following criteria:
- The relevance of the research activity for which a grant is asked
- The feasibility of the research activity
- The necessity of the costs stated in the budget overview

How to report?
The applicant is required to send a final report and overview of the costs made within six weeks after the funding has ended. For the guidelines for the final report and financial overview please see also the section Application Procedure in this guide.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Start application
All applications have to be sent to the Graduate School of Humanities (graduate.school.fgw@vu.nl). Only complete applications will be taken in consideration. Please use the checklist below that applies to your situation. All documents have to be merged in one pdf.

- **GSH Activity Fund:**
  - Funding form
  - Letter of motivation (max. 1 page A4)
  - Detailed budget estimate of a max. €600,-

- **GSH PhD Fund:**
  - Funding form
  - Letter of motivation (max. 1 page A4)
  - Detailed budget estimate of a max. €1,500,-
  - An overview of your bench fee signed by FGW Projectcontrol* or other evidence to show that you have used all of your allocated travel budget
  - List of deliverables

- **GSH ReMa Fund:**
  - Funding form
  - Letter of motivation (max. 1 page A4)
  - Detailed budget estimate of a max. €500,-
  - List of deliverables

As soon as all documents have been received, the applicant will be sent a message of confirmation.

*Overview bench fee: this is only mandatory for PhD’s who are enrolled as staff member at the Faculty of Humanities. The bench fee is a fixed amount within the project in which the PhD does his/her research. Not all projects provide a bench fee for their PhD’s. If this is the case for your application, please mention this in your motivation letter.*
2. **Assessment procedure**

The submitted applications will be reviewed by the director of the Graduate School of Humanities. A decision will be made whether or not the application will be granted, or partially granted. Applications will normally be processed within 3 weeks after all relevant documents are received.

When the application has been approved, the applicant receives a grant letter with a grant number and instructions for obtaining the funding. The grant number has to be used in all further communications.

If an application is unsuccessful, we will notify the applicant in writing to explain the reasons why the application has not been approved. Unsuccessful applicants will be welcome to reapply provided that they are able to address the reasons for which their original application was rejected, and unallocated funding is still available.

3. **Final report and financial overview**

At the end of the funding period or funded activity, the applicant has to send a final report and an overview of the actual costs within six weeks after the funding period of activity has ended. The aforementioned documents has to be send to graduate.school.fgw@vu.nl. Below you will find the guidelines for the final report and calculations.

**Guidelines:**
- Report: the applicant has to write a short report (ca. one A-4 page) in English about how the funding has been used. This includes any deliverables (e.g.: lecture, poster presentation, research data).
- Overview of actual costs: together with the grant letter, the applicant receives a financial form for the final calculations. All costs and revenues (i.e. other grants/ income) have to be mentioned in this financial form.

**Contact information Bureau Graduate School of Humanities**

Contact person: Ms Rita van der Schriek-Hermans MA  
T +31 (0)20 5982876  
E graduate.school.fgw@vu.nl  
Web https://www.fgw.vu.nl/nl/opleidingen/graduate-school-of-humanities/index.aspx
APPENDIX I. Example Application Form Funding GSH

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### GSH PhD Fund:

- Funding form
- Letter of motivation (max. 1 page A4)
- Detailed budget estimate of a max. €1.500,-
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### GSH ReMa Fund:

- Funding form
- Letter of motivation (max. 1 page A4)
- Detailed budget estimate of a max. €500,-
- List of deliverables

Please return this form by e-mail with all required documents merged in one pdf to Ms. Rita van der Schriek-Hermans (graduate.school.fgw@vu.nl).
APPENDIX II: Example Financial Form GSH

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