

5. Grants Officers 4TU

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Some thoughts on funding

- Grant Offices do offer workshops for writing grant applications etc. Contact the grant office of your university for more information
- Possible to receive successful applications?
 - o yes, but rather through laureates themselves (get names from Grants Office)
 - o Also important (if possible) to receive review comments of successful applications
- EU consortium: possible to get funding for collaboration within 1 country?
 - o No, usually at least 3 countries required
 - o 4TU can count as one partner
 - o At maximum 40% of project budget can go to one country (rather even less)
- We are a multidisciplinary programme. Can we apply for Open Technology Programme of NWO, or is this really only focused on technology?
 - o It is possible to apply for more multidisciplinary projects
 - o Application and involvement of end-users is very important in this programme
 - o Grant Offices have persons specialised in the OTP programme (ask the grant offices of your university)
- Support from within 4TU.RE:
 - o Senior people within 4TU.RE also offer support in application for grants (review draft proposals, organize rehearsal interviews, connect you to stakeholders/possible co-funding partners from within their network, etc etc).
 - o Several of them have successfully applied for grants or have been members of jury's
 - o Remember to (also) send it to people outside your own discipline, because jury-members often come from different disciplinary backgrounds
- Important to start applying for grants, even if they are only small. It will help you to receive larger funds in future
- Build a network by starting collaboration with (external) partners (e.g through MSc-student projects, small research projects); if valuable results come out of it, they will be willing to co-fund a larger project
- Suggestion: **Make overview of granted projects of members from 4TU.RE/DeSIRE**, so people know who they can contact if they want information about how to apply for such a grant / on such a topics, etc. (**Action point Marjolein**)