

FAQs CFP Postdoc

1) Question: Could we involve university professors outside of TU Delft?

Answer: Only faculty members of TPM are eligible

2) Question: Is this a yearly call?

Answer: This is a one-time call. In the future we may secure funding and open more such calls.

3) Question: Is this a call for one post-doc position?

Answer: Yes, the call funds a postdoc for 2 years.

4) Question: Can postdocs, whose contract ends before the end of the project (within the following 2 years) also apply? Will their contract be prolonged?

Answer: Postdocs cannot apply as applicants. They can be hired by other applicants in case they are granted funding.

5) Question: Can we use ideas that have been submitted elsewhere? (VENI etc?)

Answer: Sure you can, only if they are not funded yet. But you would need to collaborate with 2 other people, so your ideas will be expanded by other complementing bodies of knowledge.

6) Question: The wording in the call suggests a wide/broad scope. Is there a preference for broad sector applications or is it fine to focus on a specific sector application (eg water, energy, health, cyber security)?

Answer: Anything goes, we will reward proposals that showcase a clear scientific question that requires interdisciplinary approaches.

7) Question: Where does this funding originally come from? :) ...+1! +1

Answer: The faculty of TPM invested money into the labs and in turn we are bringing that investment to the member of our community, at TPM.

8) Question: Is it allowed to ask for funding for a postdoc to create room for myself to investigate a question that does not fit in my PhD-period?

Answer: Applicants can only be lecturers or more senior faculty members from TPM.

9) Question: Is there any tendency toward particular research theme?

Answer: No

10) Question: How transparent are the decision criteria?

Answer: The criteria are in the call. We will send the proposal out to an external committee of professors outside of TPM.

11) Question: Can we match fund or plan to match fund with other sources (eg NWO)? Eg. one extra postdoc or PHD student?

Answer: If your project is already funded then you have to submit a different one. It is your choice if you build upon a funded proposal or propose something new. This call also requires collaboration with two other departments in the faculty and a focus on consolidating 3 different bodies of knowledge into one interdisciplinary project.

12) Question: Could AI-lab members also apply?

Answer: The AI Lab MT will not be eligible to apply for this funding, but all community members are welcome to apply in the boundary of the call specifications.

13) Question: Do we value external participants from for example policy or industry environments? For example, in the criterion of interdisciplinary collab...

Answer: No, the focus is on collaboration at TPM and an interdisciplinary approach.

14) Question: Is there any preference toward involving senior professors (full or associate)?

Answer: No, 3 Lecturers can also apply, for example. We will be agnostic to your rank, fame or fortune. The key things are the scientific aspect and the interdisciplinary approach (how well you bring 3 bodies of knowledge together)

15) Question: Is the assessment committee already known?

Answer: Not yet, but we are working on it. It will be single blind review.

16) Question: How much does the applicant's CV including publication record matter?

Answer: We will not assess your track-record based on any specific metrics e.g. H- impact etc. The key things are the scientific aspect and the interdisciplinary approach (how well you bring 3 bodies of knowledge together). However, the external committee will be requested to assess the extent to which your research profile matches the proposed research.

17) Question: Is the review process single blind?

Answer: Yes

FAQs CFP Internships

1) Question: Is an internship to be fulfilled by a student? Should he/she get a mark for this or 'only money'?

Answer: Besides the "money" the students can get credits if the work is considered as "capita selecta" or an "internship".

2) Question: What is the amount?

Answer: The project is 4 months full time for a student (around 25 euros/hr)

3) Question: Is there any priority for specific topic / method?

Answer: Should be AI related. You are free to choose any task.

4) Question: So, this can be used to 'offload' the tedious work of being a PhD ?

Answer: Consult with your supervisor about it

5) Question: Can internships be linked to research projects and potential MSc graduation?

Answer: The project can be turned into a M.Sc thesis project eventually given the type of work involved.

6) Question: Is it meant for both Masters and Bachelors students?

Answer: Yes

7) Question: Does the project has to have added technical value?

Answer: The overall project (where this proposal is part of) needs to have scientific contribution. But the tasks that will be conducted for this proposal do not necessarily need to have independent contribution. E.g. data collection or coding can be in the proposal if they are required for a bigger project.

FAQs CFP Events

1) Question: I would like funding to organise a Delphi meeting. What kind of costs can I ask funding for?

Background:

- Delphi meeting: invite experts in a field, meeting to get consensus on something.
- Potentially needed: facility to come to, some drinks, food, travel, maybe pay experts to come

Answer: Currently we offer maximum 3000 Euros per event. However, depending on the ask and the availability of funds, we might provide less support. We also only fund costs for the execution of the event. Since it is difficult to have an exhaustive list of such costs, the MT is tasked with evaluating the reasonableness of the funding ask.

2) Question: Can I propose a webinar for MOOC-students?

Answer: Yes. It is possible to organize an event that is part of a bigger structure, e.g., series of events, MOOC, etc. Such a collaboration may benefit from the publicity provided by and the community engaged in the TPM AI Lab. For funding, we prefer to fund events that are not already funded otherwise. If you still think your event should receive funding, please contact our Events Facilitator (Currently, Seda Gürses).

3) Question: Is any audience encouraged? Or is there preference for events for specific audiences: e.g., TPM/TU Delft/students/etc?

Answer: We encourage events that are aligned with the TPM AI Lab strategy to create a community of TPM researchers that are or want to be involved in AI research, and to enhance visibility of TPM AI research world-wide.

4) Question: Can this be combined with asking an internship for documentation of the discussions?

Answer: Yes.