

Amsterdam UMC Seed funding for Environmental Sustainability Research

Goal: inspire researchers in Amsterdam UMC to include environmental sustainability in healthcare in their research, or to engage into new projects with a special focus on environmental sustainability. Projects can be focused on measuring and mitigating the environmental impact of research, education or healthcare delivery and systems. A total budget of 90,000 euro is available in this round.

Application process: Applicants can fill out this application form and send it to duurzaamheid@amsterdamumc.nl before **Monday 13 May 2024 9:00 am CET**. This deadline is subject to extension if less than 5 applications are received. Applicants can submit a proposal promoting environmental sustainability within the **Implementation** or **Innovation** pillars.

- **Implementation** (max. 30,000 euro): testing a practical idea or solution (can be physical or digital) to integrate sustainability in education, or improve sustainability in healthcare
- **Innovation** (max. 60,000 euro): generate new knowledge or develop a new sustainable solution in healthcare or research

Eligibility criteria:

Applications are eligible when they adhere to all of the following criteria:

- Applications can be made by a maximum of 5 partners.
- At least one of the applicants should have a research appointment at Amsterdam UMC.
- Essential external partners can be included, but they cannot receive funding.
- Projects should start in 2024 and funding has to be spent within 1 year of the starting date.

Evaluation criteria: The application will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

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| • Quality of the proposed plan | 50% |
| • Connection with or fit within existing projects or initiatives | 10% |
| • Impact on environmental sustainability in Amsterdam UMC | 20% |
| • Quality of communication & dissemination plan | 10% |
| • Feasibility of budget spending | 10% |

Evaluation process: applications will be evaluated by a committee chaired by Prof. Dr. Allard van der Beek and comprised of 4 researchers within the Center for Sustainable Healthcare. The highest scoring proposals within the budget will be awarded. There will not be an interview round, but the committee reserves the right to request additional information from applicants during the evaluation process.

Award procedure: awarded applicants will receive a signed award letter and a terms & conditions document and will be put in contact with the responsible financial advisor. Awarded applicants will be assigned a scientific mentor from the Center for Sustainable Healthcare. They are also expected to contribute to internal and external communication efforts.