Amsterdam Centre for European Studies UvA Research Priority Area

Call for the Submission of Proposals for Small Scale Research Support in 2025

The Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES) aims to be a leading international centre of excellence for interdisciplinary research, education, and public debate on contemporary Europe, the European Union, and its member states. It is a UvA Research Priority Area and a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence.
As part of its core activities for 2025, ACES welcomes proposals for **Small Scale Research Support,** to be spent in the calendar year 2025. These small grants are meant to support scholarly work on any topic related to Europe or the European Union, and provide an opportunity to build and strengthen the research profile of its affiliated academic staff. While ACES is open to particular areas of research focus, we hope that the work proposed be of interdisciplinary interest and relevant to one or more of the five ACES theme groups (Future of European Democracy; Climate Dissensus; Contemporary Economic Challenges; Tech, Power, Policy; and Europe in the World).

Terms and conditions
Funding:
- **Maximum funding for the grant is € 2.500**. Funding requested should be proportional to the objectives and projected output. The selection committee reserves the right to award less than the amount requested.

Applicant Eligibility:
-Research support grants are available to ACES affiliates currently employed at the University of Amsterdam (including PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers)
-Proposals that combine applying for a major grant with conducting research activities leading to publications are also accepted.

Activity Eligibility:
Grants may be used for a combination of various purposes, including but not limited to:
- hiring a research assistant for (quantitative or qualitative) data collection – which may include doing field work outside the Netherlands - data analysis, interview transcription or translation, and joint publications.
- purchasing data sets and/or software.
- organising or attending a scientific conference/workshop.
- doing fieldwork, and data-gathering.
-Please note: ACES research support **cannot** cover: teaching buyouts, editing or publication costs.

- Successful applicants will be expected to report on the results achieved and to acknowledge ACES support explicitly in any publications resulting from the grant.
- Successful applicants will receive the grant guidelines detailing the eligibility of costs, instructions on hiring research assistance, and information on types of contacts, among other key details.
- The grant must be spent in the calendar year 2025.

Proposal guidelines
Proposals (in a few pages) should include:
- the objective to which the proposed activities shall contribute
- a brief activity plan (in terms of form of activities, and their timing and place).

- a budget.
- expected output and outcomes.
- a CV of the applicant.

Selection criteria and procedure:
Proposals will be assessed and selected on the basis of the following criteria:
- the contribution to ACES' mission.
- the added value to the applicant's own research.
- the quality and feasibility of the proposal.

In case of equal quality, we prioritize proposals of ACES members that haave not yet received ACES fundings in previous calls.

Review and selection of applications shall be carried out by a committee of the ACES Governing Board (Brian Burgoon (FMG), Theresa Kuhn (FGW), Ans Kolk (FEB) and Kristina Irion (FDR) plus a representative from each of the five ACES Theme Groups.

Deadline:
Proposals should be sent no later than 23:59 on **May 23, 2025** to aces@uva.nl with 'Application for ACES research support' in the subject line.