

## Terms and Conditions Call for Projects for CSH

Institute for a Circular Society (i4CS), EWUU Alliance

*Submission deadline 18 Octobre 2024, 5 pm*

Submission should follow from the pressure cooker session on 26 Sept 2024.

### 1. Purpose of funding Circular Safe Hospitals (CSH)

The purpose of this call for project proposals is to facilitate and financially support research initiatives that are both inter- and transdisciplinary and contribute to the objectives described in the call text. The maximum budget is 40 k€ per proposal; four grants are anticipated.

#### **Funds may be used for:**

- Hiring temporary researchers or other relevant staff;
- Salary of faculty staff and student assistants, including financing substitution of teaching or extending research time of existing staff;
- Activities such as organising dialogue or scenario sessions, network building, action research, citizen science, stakeholder events and best practice showcasing.
- Materials and equipment needed for research;
- Other costs directly associated with proposed activities (for example, travel costs).

#### **The seed fund cannot be used for:**

- Matching in an external grant application (for NWO, EU or otherwise);
- Financing the extension of the contract of a PhD student;
- The purchase of software, hardware, or other devices unless such items are crucial to the execution of the research project and cannot be obtained through the regular support services of the institution(s) of the researcher(s) involved.

### 2. Eligibility and review criteria

#### **Eligibility**

1. At least two researchers from the submitting team have participated in the pressure cooker.
2. Researchers from different disciplines and from at least two EWUU institutions are involved. It must be clear that the seed fund leads to a new combination of complementary expertise or to strengthening an existing cooperation between different alliance partners.
3. The application form must be used for submission of the proposal and filled out completely;
4. A researcher can be the main applicant for one proposal only and can be co-applicant in one other proposal.

5. The duration of a project is typically 12 months; deviations from this must be substantiated in the proposal. The project starts between 1 December 2024 and 31 March 2025.
6. The proposal is submitted before the deadline of 18 October 2024, 5 pm.

**Review criteria:**

1. The composition and qualifications of the team to complete the project. The extent to which the research team makes effective use of the different alliance institutes' complementary expertise. Involvement of more than two alliance partners is rewarded positively.
2. The extent to which the proposal is linked to the challenges of CSH and contributes to the knowledge gaps of UMC Utrecht as described in the call text.
3. Inclusion of a clear plan for the process of collaboration that facilitates integration of knowledge across the different academic disciplines and with the stakeholders (e.g. professionals at UMC Utrecht), including how and when these stakeholders will be involved in the research project and the time investment that is expected of them.
4. The potential scientific quality of the proposed project from an inter- and transdisciplinary perspective: complementarity yet also depth, proportionality and expected integration of the different disciplines and with stakeholder.
5. Innovativeness and creativity of the proposed project
6. The likelihood of successful implementation

### 3. What amount can be requested?

The total indicative budget for this call is €160.000. The maximum per proposal is €40.000. If a proposal does not sufficiently substantiate the need of the budget applied for, a smaller amount may be awarded.

### 4. Submission guidelines

Applications must be submitted by e-mailing the completed application form in PDF and budget form (xls) to [circularhospital@umcutrecht.nl](mailto:circularhospital@umcutrecht.nl). The submission deadline is 18 October 2024 at 5 pm. Applicants will be informed about the result of their applications on 15 November 2024 at the latest. Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered.

### 5. Review procedure and criteria

The i4CS scientific steering committee is responsible for reviewing the proposals. They will appoint a dedicated review panel for this call. At least one committee member will take a seat in this panel. The steering committee can invite additional EWUU and non-EWUU academics and/or support staff, as well as relevant stakeholders to take part in, or to provide advice for the review panel. If applicable, submitters must get approval of an Ethics Review Board at the main applicant's institute. The Institute for a Circular Society (i4CS)

reserves the right to adjust proposed budgets if deemed reasonable, also to be able to fund additional proposals.

## 6. Obligations for awardees

Awardees must be willing to attend future i4CS events to present their results. By the project end date, recipients must provide a final report of the research, including at least a summary of the results, an overview of the planned and obtained deliverables, and financial account. In case of good reasons not to openly publish the final report on the website of the alliance, we request additionally a publishable summary of the results.

## 7. Call timeline & process

18 October 2024, 5 pm	Deadline to submit proposals
15 November 2024	Funding decision
1 Dec 2024 – 31 Mar 2025	Project start date

## 8. Organization

The scientific steering committee for i4CS has the following members:

Prof. dr. Huub Rijnaarts, WUR (Scientific Director)

Dr. Qi Han, TU/e

Prof. Dr. Willem Janssen, UU

Dr. Florijn Dekkers, UMC Utrecht

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