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This Call for Proposals covers a wide range of research incubator ideas to stimulate research careers of early career female researchers at FGGA. Research incubator ideas may include various research themes and could concern different types of research projects. They can cover plans to develop a competitive grant proposal for submission to (inter)national research funds. Or, they could cover salary costs for a temporary and/or part-time position as a researcher/teacher at FGGA to develop a project proposal for a PhD trajectory. Other plans and ideas would be fine too. The overall idea is that the funds allow you to kick-start your research project in whatever way that fits your ambitions and career stage best.

The total amount of money to be distributed is € 50,000 and this amount can be allocated to multiple smaller projects or to one or two larger incubator ideas. Criteria for the selection of proposals include the quality of the research idea, the fit of your idea and profile with the research themes of the Leiden Risk and Regulation Lab, and access to other research funds.
Why is this Call for Proposals targeted at early career female researchers at FGGA?

This Call for Proposals is funded by the Aspasia grant I obtained several years ago after having been awarded a Vidi-grant. The Aspasia grant is meant to stimulate diversity in academia, in particular to remedy gender imbalance. Initiatives covered by the Aspasia grant should target the issue of gender diversity in academia at least at faculty level. This Call for Proposals fits that overall goal, by supporting early career female researchers working at FGGA.
Why should the research incubator ideas be related to the Leiden Risk and Regulation Lab?

Because I truly value collaboration in doing research. I have collaborated for several years by now with a great team of colleagues and that has been a real pleasure until today, week after week. We benefit from each other by joining forces, by inspiring each other’s individual research efforts, and by engaging in complementary joint research efforts. I’ve also been lucky to enjoy collaborations with inspiring senior researchers in the early stages of my career. Among those senior researchers were only very few female scholars unfortunately. But when I was able to collaborate with senior female colleagues, however, it was a truly inspiring experience. Witnessing how they managed to maintain high levels of academic quality and professionalism, even in the face of the many challenges female scholars often encounter is something I benefited from in many ways.

That is the main reason why I link this Call for Proposals to the Leiden Risk and Regulation Lab, a recent faculty-level initiative I cofounded with two brilliant colleagues, Madalina Busuioc and Sanneke Kuipers. Collaborating with them has been a great experience so far. The Aspasia grant offers the opportunity to extend this experience to early career female scholars by facilitating collaboration with senior female scholars within related research areas. In other words, this CfP for research incubator ideas should help you to collaborate, to get inspired, and to contribute to some excellent research. A win-win situation I would say.
Practicalities

Are you interested?

If you're interested, send me a short application. There is no need to add more formalities than necessary. Just briefly outline your research idea, and, most importantly, why this opportunity would be particularly timely for you. Think maximum 2 pages plus your CV. Selection of proposals will be based on a good fit of your profile and incubator idea with (selected) research areas and expertise of co-founders of the Lab. And if your research interests are close to the Lab’s research focus, but you happen to be located at another faculty, don’t hesitate to get in touch (see below).

What is the deadline?

Submission of application by December 16th 2019; 12.00h via email to Caelesta Braun

Do you have questions?

Just send me an email: c.h.j.m.braun@fgga.leidenuniv.nl and I’ll try to get back to you as soon as possible.

Looking forward to receive your ideas!

Caelesta Braun