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About CLUE+ CLUE+ is Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam’s Interfaculty Research Institute for Culture, Cognition, History and Heritage. It brings together researchers from a wide variety of academic disciplines within four VU faculties to investigate common themes together and to reflect on and formulate strategies towards solving societal challenges. To that end, CLUE+ offers its staff assistance in organizing scientific meetings, preparing grant applications, forming consortiums and undertaking valorization initiatives, amongst other things. It also offers financial support for a range of initiatives and activities. In this guide, we provide information on the various funding opportunities, on how to apply, and on the application criteria and process.

For more information, please visit our website www.clue.vu.nl or read our CLUE+ Policy Plan 2016-2020.

**CLUE+ FUNDING**
There are four types of CLUE+ funding:
- CLUE+ Activity Fund;
- CLUE+ Early Career Fund;
- CLUE+ Publication Fund;
- CLUE+ Fellowship Programme.

**What are the assessment criteria?**
All applicants and applications will be assessed by the CLUE+ Management Team according to the following criteria:
- The quality of the researcher;
- The quality, innovative nature and scientific impact of the research proposal;
- Chance of successfully attracting research funding;
- Knowledge utilization;
- Societal impact and valorization;
- Links to one of the CLUE+ research themes/programmes.

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**Diversity**
Society, and with it our university community, is home to a wide variety of genders, sexual orientations, nationalities, cultures, ways of thinking and religions. It is important for the CLUE+ institute to always keep that diversity in mind when organizing (CLUE+) events and activities. For more information about diversity at VU University Amsterdam, please visit: https://www.vu.nl/en/about-vu-amsterdam/mission-and-profile/diversity/index.aspx

1. **CLUE+ ACTIVITY FUND**
The CLUE+ fund is intended for (research) activities and initiatives that are in line with the objectives and themes of CLUE+.

**What to apply for?**
- Academic/scientific meetings (or parts of / sessions in):
  - conferences
  - workshops
  - expert meetings
  - lectures (series)
  - colloquia
  - book presentations
- Preparation of grant applications (serving as replacement funding while you are preparing a new application, for instance)¹.
- (Participation in) outreach activities (e.g. public debates, documentaries).
- Initiatives focused on establishing or maintaining consortiums, networks, and public and private partnerships.
- Policy development and consultancy initiatives.
For whom?
The funding opportunities are open to all individual researchers or research groups that are formally a member of CLUE+.

Funding amount
You can apply for funding up to €3000.

When to apply?
You can apply for funding two months before the activity in question is scheduled to take place. For the application deadlines, please visit the Funding page on our website (https://www.clue.vu.nl/en/Funding/index.aspx).

How to apply?
Applications must contain the following documents:
• The application form.
• Cover letter, in which you outline what the funding will be used for, and how the project will benefit and involve CLUE+ (max. 1 page A4).
• Letter of consent from the Head of Department in case of replacement funding.
• A pre-proposal of your grant application.
• Detailed budget estimate of max. €3000.

The application should be addressed to the CLUE+ policy officer, Rita van der Schriek-Hermans and sent to clue@vu.nl. As soon as all documents have been received, the applicant will be sent an acknowledgement of receipt.

How to report?
The applicant is required to send a final report and overview of the costs incurred within six weeks after the activity has ended. For the guidelines for the final report and financial overview, please see the Application Process section in this guide.

2. CLUE+ EARLY CAREER FUND
Talent development is one of the major objectives of the Institute, and the CLUE+ Early Career Fund is one of its instruments for achieving that goal. This fund offers talented Post-docs, PhD candidates and (research) master students working within the framework of CLUE+ the opportunity to prepare or submit an application for further research or to improve their CV through activities that will enhance their career prospects in the academic sector.

1 Every two years, CLUE+ launches a call for proposals for a Go Europe Voucher. This voucher is intended for researchers who have several years of postdoc research experience and are planning to write an EU proposal. The voucher can be used to concretize your final proposal or consortium. The guidelines for this voucher will be communicated during the call. The next call is expected in 2021.

2 When you apply for replacement funding during the time that you are preparing your grant application, a letter of consent is required from your Department Head regarding the time you want to be replaced.

3 If your budget contains wages paid for employment (for someone else), the amount requested must be checked by the HRM officer (Veronique Bremers: v.a.m.j.bremers@vu.nl) and the Head of Finance (Patricia La Chira Marquina: p.i.lachiramarquina@vu.nl) of FGW, who is the Secretary of CLUE+. If you want to use your funding for short-term employment for someone else, please be aware that the amount granted is calculated on the basis of a super-gross salary. These costs can only be reimbursed if the person in question is a registered freelancer (Dutch: ZZP’er). If this person is not a freelancer, they must make arrangements to register as one. For more information, please visit https://www.zzp-nederland.nl/zzper-worden/zzper-hoe-word-je-dat (in Dutch).

4 Speaker’s fees may only be paid to invited speakers if they are not employed at an academic institution (a university or research centre/ institution, for example). This has to be very clear in the application and the budget overview.

5 Matching funding by other parties is preferred. If matching is possible, this must be mentioned in your budget estimate.
What to apply for?

- PhD candidates supervised by a CLUE+ member, who have already received a formal approval from the Doctorate Committee that their thesis has been accepted, can apply for a grant from this fund in order to prepare an application for an NWO Rubicon Grant, Marie Curie Fellowship Grant or a comparable source of funding.
- Researchers who already have their PhD degree, whose NWO Veni pre-proposal has been approved and who are looking to submit a full Veni proposal.
- Post-docs can apply for a grant from this fund in order to prepare an application for an NWO Vidi grant, Marie Curie Fellowship Grant or a comparable source of funding.
- Candidates who have recently obtained their master’s degree or who have already received formal approval from their supervisor can apply for funding with the aim to help them improve their CV through certain activities that can increase their chances of obtaining funding for a PhD research project.

When to apply?

You can apply once a month. For application deadlines, please visit the Funding page on our website [https://www.clue.vu.nl/en/Funding/index.aspx].

How to apply?

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- The application form.
- Cover letter (max. 1 page A4).
- CV.
- Letter of recommendation from a CLUE+ professor or supervisor.
- The NWO approval of the Veni pre-proposal (for PhD candidates and researchers looking to submit a full Veni proposal).
- Letter from the supervisor concerning the formal approval of the final MA thesis (for ReMa or MA students).
- List of deliverables.
- Detailed budget estimate of max. €3000.

The application should be addressed to the CLUE+ policy officer, Rita van der Schriek-Hermans and sent to clue@vu.nl. As soon as all documents have been received, the applicant will be sent an acknowledgement of receipt.

For whom?

The CLUE+ Early Career Fund is meant for excellent young Post-docs, researchers, PhD candidates and (research) master students who have a remarkable talent for scientific research, who want to enter the world of academia, and who want to develop their skills in a CLUE+ framework.

Funding amount

You can apply for funding up to €3000.

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If your budget estimate contains wages for employment (for yourself or someone else), please be aware that these costs can only be reimbursed if you are a registered freelancer (Dutch: ZZP’er). If you are not a freelancer, you must make arrangements to register as one. For more information, please visit [https://www.zzp-nederland.nl/zzper-worden/zzper-hoe-word-je-dat](https://www.zzp-nederland.nl/zzper-worden/zzper-hoe-word-je-dat) (in Dutch).
3. CLUE+ FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The CLUE+ research institute seeks to promote its innovative research by attracting visiting researchers from around the world. One of the ways we do this is the CLUE+ Fellowship Programme. This programme provides funding for two types of researchers:

- **CLUE+ Research Fellows**: experienced academics who hold a doctoral degree. In addition to pursuing independent research, visiting fellows are expected to collaborate on research projects and publications with CLUE+ members.
- **CLUE+ Affiliated Researcher**: senior or junior researchers (with a doctoral degree or enrolled in a doctoral programme) who wish to benefit from working in the context of one of the CLUE+ programmes.

**CLUE+ RESEARCH FELLOWS**

Visiting research fellows must apply for funding and are selected on the basis of experience, prior professional achievements, the quality of the proposed research project, and its fit within CLUE+. All applicants must be proficient in English. Applications will be assessed by the programme director of the preferred research programme, who will also be the main contact for the applicant regarding all matters related to the fellowship.

Visiting research fellows devote up to six months of their time in residence at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam to pursuing independent research and collaborating with faculty members on projects and publications. The requested stay must be during the academic year. The months of June through August are not allowed, unless the visiting research fellow is involved in a VU summer school. We ask the research fellow for a presentation of their research project while in residence. Visitors who stay for more than three months are expected to publish at least one publication in conjunction with the affiliated research programme or to keep a blog during their stay. We expect that the fellowship programme will result in a mutually beneficial relationship (e.g. lectures, symposium, workshop, writing a combined research proposal) between the visitors and the faculty that will extend beyond the tenure of the fellowship itself.

Publications resulting from the research conducted in Amsterdam should name the CLUE+ interfaculties research institute. A copy of the publication should be sent to the director of CLUE+ and the head of the department or research group with which the research fellow collaborated.

Visiting research fellows have full access to the CLUE+ network and to VU’s university library, as well as various other university libraries.

**For whom?**

This funding is for (senior) researchers who have several years postdoc research experience and obtained their doctorate no more than eight years ago (calculated from the date of the PhD graduation to the benchmark date of the application).

**Funding amount**

Research fellows will receive a funding of up to €5000 for a six-month stay, to cover

- travel expenses;
- accommodation expenses;
- costs incurred for a Visa application (approximately €420) and the guest status, including all facilities at the Faculty (approximately €842).

The costs of the Visa and the guest status will be settled before the reimbursement of the travel and/or travel expenses. All costs exceeding the predetermined amount of funding granted will be at the expense of the applicant/ fellow.
When to apply?
You can apply once a month. For the deadlines for sending the application please visit the Funding page on our website [https://www.clue.vu.nl/en/Funding/index.aspx].

How to apply?
A complete application must include:
• The application form.
• Cover letter (max. 1 page A4; including a 200-word abstract).
• CV (including a list of publications and grants).
• Letter of recommendation from a CLUE+ researcher.
• Intended duration of stay.
• Detailed budget estimate of max. €5000.

How to report?
The applicant is required to send a final report and overview of the costs incurred within six weeks after the funding has ended. For the guidelines for the final report and financial overview, please see the Application Process section in this guide.

Further remarks:
For whom?
All researchers whose research fits in CLUE+ themes and programmes. Affiliated researchers are selected on the basis of experience, prior professional achievements, the quality of the proposed research project, and its fit within our faculty. All applicants must be proficient in English. Applications will be assessed by the programme director of the preferred research programme, who will also be the main contact for the applicant regarding all matters related to the fellowship.

Visiting affiliated researchers devote a certain period of time at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam to pursuing independent research and collaborating with CLUE+ members on projects and publications. We ask affiliated researchers for a presentation of their research project during your stay at the Institute. Affiliated researchers will also be asked to teach at least one guest class to or prepare one lecture for students and keep a blog during their stay. We expect that the research period will result in a mutually beneficial relationship between the visitors and CLUE+, which will extend beyond the tenure of the fellowship itself.

Affiliated researchers will receive guest status at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Guest status provides access to VU facilities, including computers, libraries (VU Library) and desk space.

Costs for affiliated researchers
There are several types of costs to consider when applying for Affiliated Researcher status. The researcher will have to pay the following: guest status, including all facilities at the Faculty (€842);

If your budget estimate contains wages for employment (for yourself or someone else), please be aware that these costs can only be reimbursed if you are a registered freelancer (Dutch: ZZP’er). If you are not a freelancer, you must make arrangements to register as one. For more information, please visit https://www.zzp-nederland.nl/zzper-worden/zzper-hoe-word-je-dat (in Dutch).
Visa application costs (approximately €420). The costs will be invoiced to the applicant by the institute.

When to apply?
You can apply once a month. For the application deadlines, please visit the Funding page on our website [https://www.clue.vu.nl/en/Funding/index.aspx].

How to apply?
A complete application must include:
• The application form.
• Cover letter (max. 1 page A4; including a 200-word abstract).
• CV (including a list of publications and grants).
• Letter of recommendation from a CLUE researcher.
• Intended duration of stay.
• Confirmation that the Affiliated Researcher will have the means to support themselves for the entire duration of their stay.

How to report?
The applicant is required to send a final report and overview of the costs incurred within six weeks after the funding has ended. For the guidelines for the final report and financial overview, please see the Application Process section in this guide.

Further remarks:
If you are considering a stay at VU University Amsterdam, we kindly invite you to read the brochure Nice to meet you at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. The brochure provides an overview of useful information on moving to the Netherlands.

Upon admission to a fellowship, the International Office will do its utmost to assist in finding suitable accommodation for our visiting researchers and fellows. See also: http://www.vu.nl/en/Images/2016_Rules_and_Regulations_Guest-PhD_tcm270-437914.pdf

4. CLUE+ PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES
CLUE+ currently publishes two series: CLUES and the Landscape and Heritage Series (LHS). Publications in CLUES and LHS are (partially) funded by CLUE+.

CLUES
CLUES is CLUE+'s international scientific series in the fields of culture, cognition, history and heritage. It covers PhD research, scientific reports of contract research and conference proceedings, among others, that were written by or were conducted under the supervision of members of the CLUE+ research institute. However, other organizations appealing to a broad readership in culture, cognition, history and heritage are also invited to submit their manuscripts to the series. All submitted manuscripts are expected to be of the highest scientific standard and must present data of international relevance. The series is published by Sidestone Press.

Editorial Board
The editorial board of CLUES consists of the following members:
• Gert-Jan Burgers (chair)
• Rita van der Schriek-Hermans (secretary)
• Kristine Steenbergh
• Rene van Woudenberg
• August den Hollander

Funding amount
You can apply for funding up to €1000.

When to apply?
For the application deadlines, please visit the Funding page on our website [https://www.clue.vu.nl/en/Funding/index.aspx].

How to apply?
Applicants must submit the following documents:
• The application form.
• Cover letter (max. 1 page A4).
• Recommendations of the reading committee (for PhD theses).
The application should be addressed to the CLUE+ policy officer, Ms. Rita van der Schriek-Hermans and sent to clue@vu.nl. As soon as all documents have been received, the author will be informed about the rest of the process. The manuscript will be discussed by the CLUE+ Management Team, which also serves as the Editorial Board of CLUES, and the author will be notified of their decision.

**Language**
Contributions should be written in English. Manuscripts in other languages will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances.

**How to report?**
The applicant is required to send a final report and an overview of the costs incurred within six weeks after the book has been published. For the guidelines for the final report and the financial overview, please see the Application Process section in this guide.

**Publication process**
When the manuscript has been accepted, an intake meeting will take place with the author and the secretary of the editorial board. During this meeting, the process will be explained to the author. The secretary of the editorial board will notify the publisher, Sidestone press, that the manuscript has been excepted and will introduce the author to the publisher. PR & communications with regard to the book will also be discussed during the intake meeting.

**Contact**
For more information, please contact clue@vu.nl or visit our website www.clue.vu.nl.

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8 For manuscripts other than a PhD thesis, matching is mandatory. When applying, please state whether you have any other funding or sponsorship funds for the publication of your manuscript.
Editorial Board
The editorial board of the LHS series consists of the follow members:
• Gert-Jan Burgers (chair)
• Linde Egberts
• Rita van der Schriek-Hermans (secretary)
• Sjoerd Kluiving
• Freek Schmidt

When to apply?
You can apply at all times.

How to apply?
The applicant must submit the following documents:
• The application form.
• AUP form for authors.
• Cover letter (max. 1 page A4).
• Recommendations of the reading committee (in case of a PhD thesis).
• (Concept) manuscript.
• Budget estimate with an overview of costs and funding.

The manuscript should be addressed to the CLUE+ policy officer, Rita van der Schriek-Hermans and be sent to clue@vu.nl. As soon as all documents have been received, the author will be informed about the process. The manuscript will be discussed by the Editorial Board of LHS series and the author will be notified of the decision as soon as possible.

Language
Contributions should be written in English. Manuscripts in other languages will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances.

How to report?
The applicant is required to send a final report and overview of the costs incurred within six weeks after the funding has ended. For the guidelines for the final report and financial overview, please see the Application Process section in this guide.

Contact
For more information, please contact clue@vu.nl or visit our website www.clue.vu.nl.

For all applications for the LHS series, matching and/or other funding is required.
APPENDIX 1. APPLICATION PROCESS CHECKLIST

1. Start application

All applications must be sent to CLUE+ by e-mail (clue@vu.nl). Only complete applications will be considered. Please use the checklist applicable to your situation.

- **CLUE+ Activity Fund:**
  - Application form
  - Cover letter (max. 1 page A4)
  - Letter of consent Department Head concerning replacement
  - A pre-proposal of the grant application
  - Detailed budget estimate of max. €3000

- **CLUE+ Early Career Fund:**
  - Application form
  - Cover letter (max. 1 page A4)
  - CV
  - Letter of recommendation from a [CLUE+] professor or supervisor
  - NWO approval of the Veni pre-proposal (for PhD candidates and researchers looking to submit a full Veni proposal)
  - Letter from the supervisor concerning the formal approval of the final MA thesis (for ResMA or MA students)
  - List of deliverables
  - Detailed budget estimate of max. €3000

- **CLUE+ Fellowship:**
  - Application form
  - Cover letter (max. 1 page A4; including a 200-word abstract)
  - CV (including list of publications and grants)
  - Letter of recommendation from a CLUE+ researcher
  - Intended duration of stay
  - Detailed budget estimate of max. €5000 (for Research Fellows)
  - Confirmation that the Affiliated Researcher will have the means to support themselves for the entire duration of their stay

- **CLUE+ Publication Fund:**
  - Application form
  - AUP form (in case of an LHS application)
  - Cover letter (max. 1 page A4)
  - Recommendations of the reading committee [for PhD theses]
  - [Concept] manuscript
  - Budget estimate with overview of costs and revenue

After submitting their application to CLUE+, the applicant will receive an acknowledgement of receipt within 10 days.

2. Application assessment

The submitted applications will be reviewed once a month by the CLUE+ Management Team/Editorial Board of CLUES and LHS. A decision will be made as to whether or not the application will be approved. The outcome of this decision will be communicated with the applicant within a week of the monthly meeting. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive a grant letter with a grant number and the instructions regarding the funding. This grant number must be used in all further communications.

3. Final report and calculations

At the end of the funding period or funded activity, the applicant is required to send a final report and a financial overview within six weeks after the funding period has ended. The aforementioned documents must be sent to clue@vu.nl. The guidelines for the final report and financial overview can be found below.

**Guidelines:**
- **Report:** the applicant is to write a short report (approx. 1 page A4) in English about how the funding was used.
- **Financial overview:** along with the grant letter, the applicant will receive a financial overview form, on which all costs and revenues [i.e. other grants/income] must be stated.
**APPENDIX 2. TIMETABLE FOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

Below you will find a timetable for all the preparations for funded activities and events.

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<th>Period</th>
<th>Activity</th>
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<td>6 to 8 weeks prior to event</td>
<td>Applying for funding from CLUE*</td>
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<td>4 to 6 weeks prior to event</td>
<td>PR for the event/activity by making a poster and communication through CLUE* channels. To make a poster, please contact Bert Brouwenstijn [<a href="mailto:b.brouwenstijn@vu.nl">b.brouwenstijn@vu.nl</a>]</td>
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<td>2 to 4 weeks prior to event</td>
<td>Book catering with the department secretary.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 week prior to event</td>
<td>Send reminder. CLUE* can send a reminder to the CLUE* community. Please contact <a href="mailto:clue@vu.nl">clue@vu.nl</a>.</td>
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<td>6 weeks after event</td>
<td>A final report and financial overview of the costs incurred have to be sent to CLUE*.</td>
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CLUE+ CONTACT INFORMATION

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