

KU Leuven Global Seed Fund 2027 Call

The **Global Seed Fund (GSF)** is KU Leuven's flagship instrument for stimulating new international research collaborations and strengthening existing partnerships. The programme supports researcher-driven, bottom-up initiatives between KU Leuven and a selected group of partner institutions worldwide, helping researchers develop innovative pilot projects and lay the foundations for future external research funding.

Offer

- Supports collaborative research initiatives between KU Leuven and eligible partner institutions.
- Up to **€30,000** in funding per project.
- Matching funding is encouraged but not required; contributions may be financial or in-kind.
- Open to **all scientific disciplines**.
- Projects start on **1 January 2027** and run for **one year**.

Proposal submission

Researchers from our eligible partner institutions may participate in a joint proposal together with KU Leuven colleagues. While the Global Seed Fund aims to strengthen existing collaborations, it also offers opportunities to establish new research partnerships. Researchers who do not yet have an identified collaborator at KU Leuven are invited to consult the [KU Leuven Research Portal](#) to identify potential partners and areas of complementary expertise.

Applications must be prepared in English using the official application template and submitted by the **KU Leuven promoter** through KU Leuven's online application system.

Deadline

Submission deadline: 8 October 2026, 17:00 (CEST)

Project start date: 1 January 2027

For full details on eligibility, evaluation criteria, application procedures and call documentation, please consult the [Global Seed Fund website](#).