

Art. 1: Purpose

- The purpose of the VRF-summer school grants is to provide (partial) funding for the organization of scientific summer schools at a European university or recognized research institute.
- Europe hereby refers to the following countries: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and Vatican City. Collaboration and/or co-organization with countries not listed here is permitted, as long as the summer school takes place in one of the countries from the list.
- The summer schools should be open to all (advanced) MA- and PhD-students in linguistics.
- The summerschool curriculum preferably offers both foundational and advanced courses. In their selection of teachers the summer school organizers are encouraged to strive for a balance with respect to gender, ethnicity, and professional status.

Art. 2: Use of funding

- The maximum amount of a VRF-summer school grant is €7500 for a one-week summer school and €15000 for a two-week summer school.
- Co-financing is not required, but it is encouraged.
- The VRF funding can be spent on costs related to the material organization of the summer school (not including social events like receptions or a summer school dinner), travel and accommodation of invited speakers, and financial support to students who are attending the summer school.
- The financial support of the Van Riemsdijk Foundation should be acknowledged on the summer school website and in any publication or other tangible research result that emerges from the summer school.

Art. 3: Main applicant

- The main applicant for a VRF summer school grant should hold a permanent research (or research and teaching) position at a European university or research institute.
- Candidates can submit only one application per call.
- Board members of the Van Riemsdijk Foundation are excluded as applicants, members of the Scientific Advisory Board are not.

Art. 4: Selection

- The submitted proposals are evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Board of the Van Riemsdijk Foundation. Each proposal is evaluated by two board members.
- The criteria taken into account by these evaluators are:
 - scientific and educational value and aims of the summerschool, including the structure and coherence of the curriculum
 - relevance for and contribution to the mission statement of the Van Riemsdijk Foundation
 - need for the requested funds
 - international character of the summer school
 - involvement of early-career researchers in the summer school, as teachers and/or as (co-)organizers
- Based on the evaluation reports of the Scientific Advisory Board members, the Board of the Van Riemsdijk Foundation ranks all applications and decides which proposals get funded.
- All applicants receive information about the outcome of their application within three months after submission.
- The funding decisions made by the Board are final and not subject to further discussion.
- The summer school must take place within 12 months after the notification that the funding is granted.

Art. 5: Justification and reporting

- When a summer school is selected for funding, the main applicant can request a down payment of half of the allotted grant.
- The other half will be paid after the completion of the summer school, and provided the main applicant presents the Van Riemsdijk Foundation with the necessary receipts and documents.
- All payments will be made only to the bank account of the university or research institute to which the main applicant is affiliated.
- Within three months after the completion of the summer school, the main applicant is required to submit a short scientific report to the Van Riemsdijk Foundation. They will receive a template for this report.

Art. 6: Research integrity

- The Van Riemsdijk Foundation expects all research carried out in a context that is (co-)funded by the foundation to be done so in accordance with the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.

Art. 7: Communication

- The main applicant will inform the Van Riemsdijk Foundation immediately if the proposed summer school cannot proceed as foreseen or if any major change occurs that affects this application. This includes changes to the format of the summer school (e.g. a shift from physical to online or hybrid).