

# **Circle U. Seed-funding** 2025 Call for applications

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#### 1 About the call

The objective of the Circle U. seed-funding scheme is **to foster new collaborations across universities in the Circle U. alliance**. It is a mechanism that provides academic and research staff, administrative/professional staff and students with opportunities to develop projects across the alliance, to strengthen the alliance and to drive bottom-up initiatives. The ultimate goal of funding smaller scale, limited in time, bottom-up projects, is to facilitate the initiation of potential long-term collaborative activities within the alliance, which are contributing to the fulfilment of <u>Circle U.'s vision and mission</u>. These projects go thus beyond the deliverables defined in the current EU-funded project and will anchor Circle U. sustainably in all institutions.

More information on the Circle U. seed-funding scheme, previous calls and funded projects can be found on <a href="https://www.circle-u.eu/seedfunding">https://www.circle-u.eu/seedfunding</a>.

For the 2025 Call for applications, educational and research projects, as well as student-led projects (i.e. projects led by BA and MA students), will be supported as detailed below.

## 2 Scope

The seed-funding scheme aims to achieve the following goals:

- 1 Drive bottom-up initiatives to embed the alliance within our universities' communities
- 2 Consolidate our joint ecosystem the Open Campus, the Knowledge Hubs and the Platforms
- Advance strategic research and education fields not exclusively those already addressed by Circle U.'s <a href="Knowledge Hubs">Knowledge Hubs</a> and Platforms
- 4 Develop high-quality and impactful educational and research activities, with a particular focus on interdisciplinarity, multilingualism, interculturality and student-led innovation
- 5 Scale up joint educational offers delivered through the Open Campus
- Develop join research collaborations, including those built during other Circle U. activities (such as Circle U. Sandpits)
- 7 Engage with our <u>associated partners</u> and other stakeholders in the innovation, cultural, health, governmental and NGO sectors to ensure that Circle U. activities have concrete societal impact
- 8 Enhance the mobility and international exposure of students, academics, researchers and staff across our universities
- 9 Foster sustainability, talent development, entrepreneurship, societal engagement, as well as equity, diversity and inclusion

## 3 Examples of activities that can be funded

Circle U. seed-funding scheme aims to support the **developmental stages of a project at an early stage**. Therefore, seed funded projects fit under a **wide variety of definitions**. Examples of what could constitute a seed-funded project within the context of the alliance include, but are not limited to:

For educational and research projects:

- joint courses and programmes
- educational activities according to Circle U.'s educational formats, including ECTS-bearing activities
- · challenge-based learning activities
- winter or summer schools
- short-term physical or blended mobility opportunities

- workshops or seminars or any other teaching/learning activity
- · innovative teaching models
- public lectures
- language workshops or seminars
- seminars, workshops and conferences targeting early-career researchers
- (preliminary) research activities
- surveys, creation of database, development of research materials
- awareness-raising material for the alliance (e.g. digital brochures or videos, etc.)
- joint large-scale project proposals to be submitted at European or other calls

For **student-led projects** (i.e. projects led by BA or MA students):

- support student-driven learning activities
- foster student democracy and student engagement in partner universities
- dissemination of Circle U. towards students
- learning and training activities
- cultural activities across Circle U.
- further develop and implement projects linked to other Circle U. opportunities (for example, the change maker's programme)

The list above is **non-exhaustive**, the selection committee will consider applications suggesting other activities too, provided that they clearly state how they match the scope of the seed-funding scheme.

## 4 Eligibility

The 2025 Call for applications is **open to academic and research staff from all disciplines and levels** working at any Circle U. member universities<sup>1</sup>, to administrative/professional staff, as well as to **students working or being enrolled** at any Circle U. member universities. Projects should involve staff or students **from at least 3 Circle U. member universities**.

Each application shall be submitted by a **Project Lead**, appointed by the project members and acting as the point of contact with Circle U. for any questions relating to the project. Project Leads shall be employed as full-time or part-time academic and research staff at any of the Circle U. member universities, with the employment contract lasting for the full length of the proposed project. Within her/his home university, the Project Lead should hold a position that enables her/him to manage the grant independently and supervise funding and expenditures.

Students acting as Project Lead shall be enrolled at any Circle U. member universities for the full duration of the proposed project. Please note that external stakeholders may not act as Project Lead.

## 5 Selection process and evaluation criteria

With the support of the Circle U. Office, a **selection committee** consisting of 10 to 15 academics from the Circle U. member universities and representatives of the Circle U. Student Union (CUSU) will:

- Evaluate the proposals
- Inform the Circle U. Management Board about the selection of the proposals to be funded, as the Management Board is the ultimate decision-making body for alliance operations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Aarhus Universitet (Denmark), Univerzitet u Beogradu (Serbia), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany), King's College London (United Kingdom), UCLouvain (Belgium), Universitetet i Oslo (Norway), Université Paris Cité (France), Università di Pisa (Italy), and Universität Wien (Austria).

Assess post-implementation reports from projects which have been funded

Applications need to clearly outline how they fit into the scope of the Circle U. seed-funding scheme and how they match the objectives, vision and mission of Circle U. Additionally, the selection committee will give particular attention to the **following criteria**:

- Academic quality, innovativeness and interdisciplinarity of the proposed project
- Clear pathway for progress and impact on education, research and/or society
- Feasibility of the proposed project and sustainability of its budget
- Impact on Circle U. universities, their communities and broader society
- Long-term and sustainable collaborations beyond the proposed project
- · Commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion
- Direct involvement of and benefits for students
- Engagement with multiple Circle U. member universities, associated partners and other stakeholders

The selection committee reserves the right to add selection criteria according to the quality of the applications received. Following the communication of the results, project leads of successful and unsuccessful proposals can request the evaluation report with succinct comments/recommendations by email to <a href="mailto:seedfunding@circle-u.eu">seedfunding@circle-u.eu</a>.

## 6 Budget

The **total budget** available for the 2025 Call for applications is **EUR 100.000**. The budget is assigned in the following way:

Budget allocated to academic and research projects	EUR 90.000	Up to EUR 10.000 can be awarded per project
Budget allocated to student-led projects	EUR 10.000	Up to EUR 5.000 can be awarded per project

Funding will be transferred as a lump sum by the Circle U. Office to the Project Lead's designated entity (university, faculty, department, etc.). The Project Lead has the responsibility to manage the grant independently and supervise funding and expenditures and take care of the reporting.

All activities foreseen in the project have to be primarily funded by the grant, with the exception of travel expenses and/or costs of living for teaching or conducting research activities that are eligible for Erasmus+ individual mobility. If there is any complementary funding needed (for example, Erasmus+ funding to support additional mobilities), the Project Lead should ensure that the complementary funding is actually available at his or her home university and partner universities when elaborating the project budget. In this perspective, we strongly recommend the Project Lead to consult her or his financial department, as well as the Circle U. coordinator of her or his university.

Double funding is not allowed.

#### Eligible costs:

- temporary staff or consultant recruitment to support the project's activities by providing services (such as creating a database, benchmarking specific to the entity, conducting surveys, etc.)
- (preliminary) research activities
- awareness-raising materials for the alliance
- travel expenses and/or costs of living for teaching or conducting research activities related to the project, only if they cannot be covered by Erasmus+ staff mobility

#### Non-eligible costs:

- hiring of contractual administrative, research or academic staff
- · remuneration of project partners
- overhead costs
- equipment costs
- conference fees

### 7 Timeline

CALL OPENS	CALL CLOSES	ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS	PROJECT PERIOD	SUBMISSION OF FINAL REPORT
24 April 2025	1 October 2025	November 2025	1 January 2026 – 31 December 2026	31 January 2027

The timeline might be subject to changes, considering the administrative and financial processes. Two information sessions will be organised in June and September 2025.

## 8 Application

Please submit the online application form via the following link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/7MPqmiwAT0">https://forms.office.com/e/7MPqmiwAT0</a>. The application deadline is on 1 October 2025, 23:59 CET. You may still edit your submitted application until this deadline. To save and edit your responses, once you submit the application, make sure to click on "Save my response to edit," following which you are asked to log in to your Microsoft account where your filled form will be saved. To edit your responses, just click on the filled form and then on "Edit response" at the top of the page.

If you are unable to save and edit your responses through this method, please resubmit your application. We will only consider your last submission for selection purposes. A paper version of the application form is available in annex to this document to help you prepare the application with your partners.

For additional questions, contact the Circle U. team coordinating the seed-funding Call at: seedfunding@circle-u.eu.

## 9 Communication, dissemination and reporting

Project Leads are expected to **communicate and disseminate the project's results**, outputs, and outcomes by providing targeted information to multiple audiences in a strategic and effective manner. This might include a final dissemination event. Additionally, selected projects will feature on Circle U. website and a social media communication campaign promoting the projects will be organised by the Circle U. Office.

Project Leads are requested to submit a **report on implemented activities and incurred expenses** at the end of the funding period. Reports will be submitted by email to <u>seedfunding@circle-u.eu</u> by 31 January 2026. A template will be shared with the Project Lead by the Circle U. team coordinating the seed-funding Call.

#### 10 Annexes

#### 10.1 About Circle U.

Aarhus Universitet (Denmark), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany), King's College London (United Kingdom), Università di Pisa (Italy), Universität Wien (Austria), Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium), Université Paris Cité (France), Universitetet i Oslo (Norway) and Univerzitet u Beogradu (Serbia) are Circle U.: an inclusive, research-intensive, and interdisciplinary European University alliance working to provide outstanding education, research, and innovation to contribute to more sustainable, democratic, and healthier societies. In 2020, we have joined forces to develop a new model of cooperation where education, research, innovation and service to society are better connected. During the pilot project (from November 2020 to October 2023) funded through Erasmus+programme, we have worked closely with students, academics, researchers, staff and external stakeholders to test and identify new challenge-based educational formats and ways of working together to make Circle U. an international, inclusive, innovative and agile joint ecosystem.

In the next phase and through a new EU funded project in the coming four years, whilst continuously testing out new concepts in higher education and research cooperation, we will also scale up and offer a range of flexible learning opportunities, intensify our collaborations in all three missions and maximize our impacts through our joint ecosystem.

To fulfil our vision and mission, we have been developing a joint ecosystem offering a shared infrastructure as foundation for sustainable, impactful and ambitious collaborations across our universities. In the next phase, with the support of the academic chairs, we will consolidate and further develop this joint ecosystem and its core platforms to drive our vision towards a truly European University:

- The **Open Campus** will serve as the entry point for all educational opportunities in Circle U. This integrated digital learning platform will be at the heart of Circle U., linking together the various other platforms, including services to support mobility and facilitate the administrative and technical implementation.
- Launched in the pilot phase, the Knowledge Hubs are shared physical and virtual spaces where academics, researchers, students, staff and partners are developing research-based, trans- and interdisciplinary educational and research activities to tackle big societal challenges linked to our four priority themes: artificial intelligence, climate, democracy and global health.
- Building on the results of the Think and Do Tank, the Circle U. Teaching Innovation Lab (CU.til) will support
  the development of innovative and creative teaching and learning formats that focus on research-based,
  trans-, and interdisciplinary knowledge and societal engagement. The CU.til will connect teaching and
  learning support units across our universities and encourages research in education.
- The Circle U. Multilingualism, Interculturality and Language Lab (CU.mil) will support the development of a
  multilingual, plurilingual and intercultural environment within the alliance and beyond, by sharing experiences
  and existing offers, developing joint courses and other language and intercultural learning experiences
  (including for less frequently used languages), and developing a language policy for the alliance.
- Building on the results of the Student-led sustainable innovation initiatives, the InCU.bator will offer a
  structured space and concrete support opportunities for students in developing innovative projects with a
  societal impact. It will thus put students at the centre of societal innovation and, with the support of external
  partners, foster an entrepreneurial mindset in the broad sense.
- Built on the results of the early-career researchers' forum, the Community of Practice for Early-Career
  Researchers (CU.ecr) will provide early-career researchers with opportunities for networking, exchanges,
  competence building, mobility as well as developing and maturing their research interests in close
  collaboration with colleagues from Circle U. The activities will be characterised by co-creative modes of
  cooperation.

#### 10.2 Application form

#### **Preliminary information**

Please read this information carefully before completing up the application form.

The application form should be completed by the lead applicant in English and should be agreed by all project partners. The application can only be submitted online.

The 2025 call for applications, including the application link and form, can be found on the Circle U. website: https://www.circle-u.eu/seedfunding/. In the call document, you will also find a paper version of this form to help you prepare your application collaboratively with your partners.

Please submit the online application form via the following link: https://forms.office.com/e/7MPqmiwATO. The application deadline is on 1 October 2025, 23:59 CET. You may still edit your submitted application until this deadline. To save and edit your responses, once you submit the application, make sure to click on "Save my response to edit," following which you are asked to log in to your Microsoft account where your filled form will be saved. To edit your responses, just click on the filled form and then on "Edit response" at the top of the page.

If you are unable to save and edit your responses through this method, please resubmit your application. We will only consider your last submission for selection purposes.

For additional questions or if you experience any problems, contact the Circle U. team coordinating the seed-funding Call at: seedfunding@circle-u.eu.

#### \* Privacy terms and conditions

Circle U. AISBL is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy by maintaining the integrity and

confidentiality of your personal data, in accordance with the GDPR and other applicable legislation. We collect, process and store your data for the sole purpose of evaluating your application. If your project is selected, we will use the identification data of your project for communication and dissemination purposes. For any question or request, please contact office@circle-u.eu.
$\square$ I agree with those terms and conditions
* If your project is not selected, do you consent to sharing your application with the Circle U. coordination team of your university? The purpose of sharing is to ensure support for re-submission or to explore other opportunities for support.
□ Yes
□ No

#### **Lead applicant details**

#### \* Project lead

Last name and First name
Home university
☐ Aarhus Universitet
□ Humboldt-Universität zu Berlir
☐ King's College London

☐ Università di Pisa
☐ Universität Wien
□ UCLouvain
☐ Université Paris Cité
☐ Universitetet i Oslo
☐ Univerzitet u Beogradu
Faculty, department, institute Position E-mail address
Are you currently (or have you been) a Circle U. Academic Chair?  ☐ Yes
□ No
Are there additional project participants from this university? $\hfill\Box$ Yes
$\square$ No
How many additional people from this university are participating in the project?
Provide information about each additional project participant (first name, last name and position)
Are any of these additional project participants current or former Circle U. Academic Chairs? $\Box$ Yes
$\square$ No
* How many additional Circle U. member universities are participating in the project (excluding your own university)?  □ 2 □ 3
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Circle U. project partners details
* Project partner 1
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☐ Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
☐ King's College London
□ Università di Pisa

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Are there additional project participants from this university?  ☐ Yes ☐ No
How many additional people from this university are participating in the project?
Provide information about each additional project participant (first name, last name and position)
Are any of these additional project participants current or former Circle U. Academic Chairs?  ☐ Yes ☐ No
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Are you currently (or have you been) a Circle U. Academic Chair?  ☐ Yes

□ No
Are there additional project participants from this university? $\hfill\Box$ Yes
□ No
How many additional people from this university are participating in the project?
Provide information about each additional project participant (first name, last name and position)
Are any of these additional project participants current or former Circle U. Academic Chairs? $\hfill\Box$ Yes
□ No
Is another Circle U. member university participating in the project?  Please ensure all academic and admin staff from any Circle U. partner involved in the project are listed  ☐ Yes
□ No
Project partner 3
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How many additional people from this university are participating in the project?
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□ No
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□ No
Project partner 4
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Are there additional project participants from this university?  ☐ Yes ☐ No
How many additional people from this university are participating in the project?
Provide information about each additional project participant (first name, last name and position)

Are any of these additional project participants current or former Circle U. Academic Chairs?

□ Yes □ No
Is another Circle U. member university participating in the project?  Please ensure all academic and admin staff from any Circle U. partner involved in the project are listed  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
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☐ King's College London
☐ Università di Pisa
☐ Universität Wien
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Are there additional project participants from this university? $\hfill\Box$ Yes
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Project partner 6

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☐ King's College London
□ Università di Pisa
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Faculty, department, institute

Position E-mail address
Are you currently (or have you been) a Circle U. Academic Chair?  ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are there additional project participants from this university?  ☐ Yes ☐ No
How many additional people from this university are participating in the project?
Provide information about each additional project participant (first name, last name and position)
Are any of these additional project participants current or former Circle U. Academic Chairs?  ☐ Yes ☐ No
Involvement of external partners in your project
By "external partners", we mean associated partners that have been formally identified by the member universities (full list here: <a href="https://www.circle-u.eu/about/associated-partners/">https://www.circle-u.eu/about/associated-partners/</a> ), and other stakeholders that are committed to playing an active role in various Circle U. activities, thus contributing to the vision and mission of the alliance
* Are any external partners involved in your project ☐ Yes
□ No
Please indicate the details of all external partners involved:
Project information
* Title of your project:
* Acronym of your project  This is meant to facilitate the communication of your project if it was selected:
* What type of project are you proposing?
☐ Educational project

☐ Research project
☐ Educational and research project
☐ Student-led project (i.e. led by a BA or MA student)
* What are the main goals of your project? (select all that apply)
$\square$ Drive bottom-up initiatives to anchor the alliance in its partner universities
$\square$ Advance Circle U.'s strategic research and teaching themes
$\hfill\Box$ Develop high-quality research and teaching activities, with a particular focus on interdisciplinarity, multilingualism, interculturality and student-led innovation
☐ Consolidate our joint ecosystem and its various platforms (Open Campus, Knowledge Hubs, Teaching Innovation Lab, Multilingualism, Interculturality and Language Lab, InCU.bator and Community of practice for early-career researchers)
$\square$ Engage with other associate partners and stakeholders to ensure that Circle U. activities have societal impact
$\Box$ Contribute to increased mobility and international exposure of students, academics, researchers and staff among our universities
☐ Foster sustainability, talent development, entrepreneurship, societal engagement, equity, diversity and inclusion
□ Other:
* If your project addresses one of the strategic themes of Circle U., indicate which theme:
☐ Artificial Intelligence
☐ Climate
□ Democracy
☐ Global Health
☐ Multilingualism, Interculturality and Language
☐ Teaching Innovation
$\square$ Student-led Innovation and Entrepreneurship
□ Other:
* Has your proposal been developed during the Circle U. Sandpits?
More about the Sandpits here: $https://www.circle-u.eu/calls/sandpits-2025.html$ $\Box$ Yes
□ No
* Description of your project (max 500 words)
Describe your project and elaborate more specifically on the objectives, the planned activities, the timeline, the contribution and share of responsibilities between project partners, the expected outputs, outcomes, and impacts:

* Expected impact (max 350 words)
Building on the outputs, outcomes, impacts you outlined above, explain the expected impact pathway of your project How will you provide evidence (quantitative and qualitative) of achieved outcomes and impacts? How will your project
promote an impactful initiative that goes beyond the funding period?
* Is it expected that your project proposal will lead to an application in an additional funding scheme, following
the conclusion of your funding from Circle U.?  ☐ Yes
□ No
☐ I don't know
* Interdisciplinarity (max 250 words)
Explain in which way your project has an interdisciplinary approach:
* Inclusion and diversity (max 250 words)
Explain how inclusion and diversity are taken into account in your project:
Student involvement (max 250 words)
If students are involved in the project, what are their expected contributions?
External partners contribution (max 250 words)
If external partners are involved in the project, what are their expected contributions?

## **Project budget**

* Please upload a <b>provisional project budget</b> (PDF or DOC file) at this link: https://bit.ly/budget_upload, and ensure that your <u>First and LAST NAME</u> are included in the file name. You can use the budget template provided in the annex of the call document. The budget should clearly specify: the type of costs, the corresponding amounts, the sources of funding and the distribution of funds among project partners.
$^{\star}$ I confirm that I have uploaded the provision budget of my project proposal – either as PDF or DOC file and mentioning my <u>First and LAST NAME</u> in the file name – using the link provided above
If you encounter any problem with the upload, you can contact us at <u>seedfunding@circle-u.eu</u> ☐ Yes
□ No
* Please indicate the total seed-funding budget you are applying for
As indicated in the call for applications the budget allocated to academic and research projects is up to EUR 10 000 per project, and the budget allocated to student-led project is up to 5 000 EUR per project.
* Declaration and confirmation
□ I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is correct and complete. I confirm that I, as lead applicant, and my project partners have read the call for applications and will abide by the terms and conditions specified in the call if they are selected. Any provision of inaccurate or false information or omission of information will render this application invalid and, if an application is selected on the basis of such information, the applicants can be required to withdraw from the award. I confirm that I am in capacity to manage the grant independently and supervise funding and expenditures.
$\square$ I hereby confirm that the authorities of my department/faculty/institute are informed about this application and in capacity to provide additional funds if planned in the project's budget.
* Identification of my department/faculty/institute authorities:
First name, last name and position

# 10.3 Project budget template

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Title	OT	your	pro	ect:

#### Project lead info:

First name	
Last name	
Home university	

Provisional project budget:

Cost description	Amount (in EUR)	Source of funding	Comment
See eligible costs in the application form	If cost is not in EUR, please use the reference rate published by the European Central Bank website: https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/policy_and_exchange_rates/euro_reference_exchange_rates/html/index.en.html	Please indicate the actual or expected source of funding (the "home" university of the project lead or partners, external funders, associate partners, Circle U. seedfunding scheme, etc.	
Total costs of your project	- €		
Total amount you are requesting through Circle U. seed-funding scheme	- €		