

Sustainability Grant 2025 for course/module development or re-design to stimulate the further integration of sustainability into UM core curricula

Integrating sustainability in the course curricula at UM

At Maastricht University, one of the key aims of [Sustainability Roadmap 2030](#) is to integrate sustainability into all educational programmes. Education for sustainability empowers learners to take informed decisions and responsible actions for **environmental integrity, economic viability and a just society, for present and future generations, while respecting cultural diversity**. This grant from the SUM2030 Education pillar is meant for course coordinators or teachers who would like to integrate a sustainability topic into their course. The grant can provide the needed time to (re)develop educational modules or some of its components to integrate sustainable development into existing or new core curricula. The time that can be freed up is capped at €5 000, - for a granted proposal.

Who can apply?

The sustainability grant for education is intended for staff involved in teaching activities. Teachers also denote teaching staff who function on assistant, associate or professor positions.

- Individual teachers or course teams can apply for this grant;
- Teachers who are involved with the development or re-design of a course or course module (e.g. tutorial task);
- Teachers must have an employment contract for the duration of the intended course run;
- Teachers must receive approval of their manager/supervisor to spend the accommodated hours on the (re)development of the module/course; in case the applicant is not the course coordinator, or the applying course team does not include the course coordinator; approval of the course coordinator should be secured.

Criteria against which the proposal will be assessed:

- The proposal integrates topics on sustainability into either an existing course or contributes to the development of a new course;
- Course that are part of the obligatory Bachelor or Master curriculum are preferred, but optional courses will also be considered;
- Quality of the proposal (e.g. clear alignment with the intended learning outcomes of the course, relevance in relation to the overall course topic, feasibility of proposed plan in time);
- Distribution of granted proposals over different programmes and faculties.

Procedure

- Applicants may submit proposals for the grant at any time, with all applications reviewed and decided upon a case-by-case basis as they are received.
- A panel composed by the Sustainable UM2030 programme will evaluate the proposals;
- In case the proposal is granted, the applicants can provide a written statement from direct supervisors/managers/course coordinator (if applicable) that they will allocate time for the (re)development of the module/course;

- Successful applicants agree to participate to a feedback meeting after the course has run to share good practices with the SUM2030 team

Application form

- First and Last name
- Email address
- Job title
- Which faculty do you work for?
- Which course would you like to (re)develop by use of this grant, to which core curriculum does it belong, and when will the new version run for the first time?
- How do you wish to develop your chosen theme on sustainability within the course and why? (Mention briefly which discipline/theory/literature you will use)
- To which course objectives/learning goals will the (re)development of the course contribute, please specify?
- How do you plan to realise this adjustment of the course(s)?
- Who will be involved in the (re)development of the course, next to you?
- How much time do you need to develop or re-develop a course? Are there any other resources that you need? NB a grant is capped at 5,000€; smaller grants will be considered.
- If you wish to supply additional information regarding your proposal, please do so here.

For further questions, feel free to get in touch with Ahmed Hussain, SUM2030 Education coordinator: ahmed.hussain@maastrichtuniversity.nl