

Events: requirements, preferences and exclusions

Mandatory Requirements

1. Applicant is an early-career researcher (≤ 10 years post-graduation, including tenure trackers). Applicants who have had a break in their career (e.g. due to maternity/paternity leave, illness, part-time work) are requested to state the length of the break.
2. The event has demonstrable societal relevance and contributes to knowledge sharing beyond academia.
3. The event aligns with the **UM Strategic Programme** (multidisciplinarity, innovation, international orientation) ([Strategic Programme 2022–2026 - Maastricht University](#)).
4. The event contributes to the ambitions of UM or a specific faculty/school/department, confirmed by a **written statement of support** from the dean or scientific director.
5. Events should be organised at a UM location or elsewhere within the Euregion. For events held outside UM premises, applicants must provide a clear justification outlining the relevance, valorisation, and expected impact for UM.
6. The proposal includes a **transparent, detailed budget**.

Preferential Criteria (non-mandatory, positive weighting)

- Expert meetings or small-scale conferences that are otherwise difficult to finance.

Exclusions (non-eligible)

- Events related to a PhD project.
- Travel and accommodation costs of the applicant.
- Recurring events are not eligible. This refers to events that are part of regular, ongoing activities (“business as usual”) and are not innovative, additional, or unique.
- Promotion-related events.