Amsterdam Centre for World Food Studies
Centre Projects

The aim of the Amsterdam Centre for World Food Studies (ACFWS) is to bring together a broad range of researchers at the VU working in the field of nutrition security. The Centre’s ambition is to foster interdisciplinary cooperation in research, education and outreach.

The ACFWS ‘Centre Projects’ initiative is one of the mechanisms for stimulating interdisciplinary collaboration. Centre Projects are meant to be flexible, and ACWFS Research Associates can submit project proposals that clearly foster intra-Centre interdisciplinary collaboration that is new and exciting and that contribute to the Centre’s research, education and outreach objectives.

Proposals are eligible for funding if they fall under one of the following four categories:

(a) Hiring BSc or MSc students, or MSc graduated (within a year) to work on an interdisciplinary project under supervision of ACWFS Research Associates
(b) Development and submission of a promising interdisciplinary research proposal for an external research call (seed money)
(c) Organization of an interdisciplinary workshop
(d) Other types of activities that arguably support the Centre Projects’ objectives

Centre project applications can be submitted continuously during the year. The maximum amount for which can be applied is 5000 euro per project.

For every application, the first step is to assess the quality of the project and eligibility according to the criteria. Centre Project Proposals will be evaluated by the ACWFS Management Team. Decisions on approval will be taken within 4 working weeks of submission of the application. ¹ If the project is approved, the actual budget allocation is based upon a discussion between the MT and the project team.

Each application will be evaluated according to the following assessment criteria:

- Eligibility:
  - the proposal is submitted by a ACWFS Research Associate
- Relevance of the project:
  - the proposed project involves intra-Centre interdisciplinary collaboration the proposed project contributes to the Centre’s research, education and outreach objectives
- Quality and quantity of project outcomes/deliverables
- Expected impact of project
- Organization, work plan and feasibility
- Budget provides ‘value for money’

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¹ Working weeks = weeks falling within an academic year.