



## **WIN-MESA+ Joint Seed Funding Program**

### **Program Description**

The Waterloo Institute for Nanotechnology (WIN)-MESA+ Joint Seed Funding Program is a competitive program designed to foster interdisciplinary research between international partners for “high risk-high reward” blue-sky discoveries typically not supported by traditional granting agencies. The intent of the program is to kickstart research that could provide some initial data points and insights as a first step in targeting various established funding programs.

### **Funding Amount**

The total budget for this program is €100,000 from MESA+ and \$150,000 CAD from WIN. The maximum funding request for each submitted proposal is €50,000 for MESA+ applicants \$75,000 CAD for WIN members. The project duration for the requested funding is for one year.

### **Eligibility**

The team must consist of at least one full-time faculty member at the University of Twente’s MESA+ Institute for Nanotechnology, and one full-time Core member of the University of Waterloo’s Waterloo Institute for Nanotechnology (WIN). Associate members of WIN can be co-applicant.

### **Application Guidelines**

The proposal should contain the following sections:

- Introduction
- Background
- Objectives
- Methodology
- Alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goal(s)
- Budget Table and Justification
- References

### **Length**

The exact distribution of pages among the sections is at the applicant’s discretion. The proposal should be a *maximum 5 pages in total*.

### **Format**

Applicants should only use a standard, single-column on an 8.5” x 11” or A4 page layout. The proposal must be written using a 12-point, black-coloured font, single line spacing (six lines per inch) and with no condensed type or spacing, with a margin of no less than 2.5 centimetres (1 inch) around the page.

### **Cover Page**

Applicants are to complete the WIN-MESA+ Seed Funding Program coversheet, along with the standard cover sheets as required for all application submissions at the respective institution:

*For MESA+ applicants:* E-mail application to [p.telleman@utwente.nl](mailto:p.telleman@utwente.nl)

*For WIN applicants* (to add WIN as the associated institute in the Office of Research cover sheet):

[https://uwaterloo.ca/research/sites/ca.research/files/uploads/files/office\\_of\\_research\\_cover\\_sheet.pdf](https://uwaterloo.ca/research/sites/ca.research/files/uploads/files/office_of_research_cover_sheet.pdf)

### **Plain Language Summary**

The submission of the proposal should also include the *Plain Language Summary* (1500 characters).