

FAQ M20

Using the applications portal

- 1. How do I make an account for the application portal?**
Please go to the [website](#) and click 'M20 PHD Scholarship Program 2025'. Follow the instructions on the website to submit your proposal.
- 2. Can I use a different email address than a @rug.nl or student.rug.nl to log in to the portal?**
Yes, you can create an account with any email address. Please be informed that the email address you enter in the portal is the only email address that will be used for all correspondence about the M20 call.
- 3. I have submitted the application in the portal, when do I receive a confirmation email?**
You will receive a confirmation email within two working days.
- 4. How do I change my password for the portal?**
Please request a new password [here](#).
- 5. When will I receive further updates about my proposal?**
Please check the timeline in the [Call document](#).

Submitting your proposal

- 6. Is there a proposal template?**
In the application portal, click in the menu on the left 'M20 PhD Scholarship Program 2025' to see the layout for the application. There are no additional templates.
- 7. How to use references in the proposal?**
Either use text citations or upload a bibliography in the portal under additional information.
- 8. Can changes be made to the proposal after it is submitted to the portal?**
Once you have submitted your proposal, no changes can be made
- 9. What documents need to be submitted under additional documents?**
Any documents may be submitted you deem required for your proposal. Additional documents are optional.

Topics

- 10. Is it possible to submit a proposal outside of the suggested topics?**
The proposals should address one of the topics listed in the [Call document](#).
- 11. Are there any thematic areas that are excluded from the M20 program?**
Due to the terms and conditions of the donation for the M20 program, proposals that focus on the study of religion are excluded. The exclusion only relates to the contents

of the proposal, it does not mean that supervisors/candidates from the Faculty of Religion, Culture and Society are excluded.

12. If my work is linked to one of the Schools, can I only submit a proposal for a topic for that specific School?

No, the condition is that your proposal is linked to a topic of any of the four Schools.

Applying as a ReMa student

13. What are the requirements for proposals that include a ReMa student as a co-applicant?

The M20 program is open to proposals that include a ReMa student as a co-applicant. This is only possible for ReMa students from the University of Groningen, including ReMa students who are still in the process of obtaining their degree. In this situation, the ReMa student needs to find suitable supervisors before submitting their application with the same general rules: at least one of the supervisors needs to possess *ius promovendus*

14. Who should submit a proposal that includes a ReMa student?

If the proposal includes a ReMa student, the supervisors may submit the application, mentioning the information of the ReMa student. The ReMa student may also be included as a co-applicant with the supervisors. ReMa students cannot submit a proposal without supervisors.

15. Can I submit a proposal with a regular MA degree?

The M20 program is only open to Research MA students. Students from regular MA programs or ReMa students from other universities are not eligible.

Rules & Regulations

16. Is it mandatory that one of the supervisors must possess ius promovendus?

Each proposal must include at least one supervisor who has *ius promovendus*. Applications submitted without a supervisor who has *ius promovendus* status will not be reviewed.

17. The research should be interdisciplinary, how many faculties should be involved?

Each proposal should include supervisors from at least two different faculties. It is possible to include more faculties for your proposal.

18. Is there a maximum number of supervisors per proposal?

There is no maximum. However, if a proposal is submitted by more than three supervisors, the Dean of the faculty where the PhD student will be enrolled needs to give permission for more supervisors.

19. Can I submit more than one proposal within the call for proposals?

One supervisor may be involved with more than one proposal, but we advise to avoid this.

20. Should the applicants be members of the relevant Schools?

The applicants do not need to be currently linked to the Schools.

21. Is it possible to submit an application if I am not employed at the University of Groningen?

All applicants must be members of staff or Research MA students at the University of Groningen.

22. When submitting our proposal do we need to have a PHD candidate appointed?

It is not required to have a PHD candidate appointed before the grant is awarded.

23. When does the PhD candidate have to start the project?

Preferably, the PhD candidate should start in 2025.