

SEA-EU Research Seed Fund - Call for Proposals University of Split

1. Purpose of the Call

The University of Split is pleased to announce the **SEA-EU Research Seed Fund 2025** (hereinafter referred to as the "Award"), a funding opportunity designed to foster collaborative research and innovation among SEA-EU partner institutions. This Call for Proposals (hereinafter referred to as the "Call") aims to encourage and support researchers within the SEA-EU Alliance in establishing collaborations or initiate new ones that will lead to competitive joint project proposals.

Eligible research projects (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") must align with the values outlined in the [SEA-EU Mission Statement](#), which should be clearly reflected in the submitted proposal (hereinafter referred to as the "Proposed Collaboration").

Each Project must include participants from the University of Split and at least one SEA-EU partner university from the Alliance's network.

2. Eligibility

The Call is open to Academics and Researchers, including professors and researchers, who hold a PhD, led by researcher from the University of Split.

3. Application Conditions

- a) The project is aligned with the SEA-EU Mission;
- b) The project must be led by a researcher of the University of Split providing the seed fund and in collaboration with at least one researcher from another SEA-EU partner;
- c) The project leaders register in the [SEA-EU Research Potential Database](#)
(register link: <https://research.sea-eu.ug.edu.pl/user/register>)
- d) The participating researchers commit themselves to share the results of their project with the SEA-EU community (e. g. as a written report, video, [Being SEA-EU conference](#), website);
- e) Principal investigators must not have received this type of grant in the first SEA-EU Seed Fund Call (SEA-EU 1.0. project);
- f) Members of the research team may participate in a maximum of two different applications. Principal investigator can apply for more than one application but only one application will be granted;
- g) Projects must be implemented by 15th June 2026.

4. Eligible Costs and Amount of Financial Support

- a) Travel and Accommodation – Expenses related to travel costs for attending conferences, conferences fees, expenses for organizing meetings and workshops;
- b) Consumables for Experiments – Costs associated with materials needed for preliminary research validation;
- c) Publication Costs – Expenses for publishing research, including journal fees and conference proceedings.

Funds are allocated up to a maximum amount of €3,000 for the implementation of scientific research collaboration activities within the SEA-EU alliance. The Beneficiary may receive full or partial one-time financial support, depending on the availability of funds. The number of projects selected for funding is three (3).

5. Evaluation criteria

Applications will be formally assessed by the University of Split SEA-EU Office and by Department of Science and Innovation using the following criteria:

- a) Quality of the intended work
- b) Overall anticipated impact and outcome
- c) Quality of the cooperation within the SEA-EU Alliance
- d) Feasibility of the timeline and budget requested

Following the proposal from the Department for Science and Innovation and the SEA-EU Office, the Rector of the University of Split will issue a decision on the distribution of financial resources, consistent with the available funds.

6. Submission of Application

Applications must be completed and submitted online through the appropriate form by the submission deadline.

Applications need to be accompanied by the following documentation:

- a) Letter of Support
- b) CVs of academic staff involved (UNIST and other SEA-EU partners involved);
- c) Project Budget
- d) Declaration of Commitment

All Applications will be acknowledged by return email.

7. Submission Deadline

The submission deadline for Applications is **26 May 2025**. Incomplete applications, or those submitted after the deadline, will not be reviewed; and applications deviating from the above guidelines shall be considered as 'incomplete applications'.

8. Reporting and responsibilities

The Beneficiary is obliged to submit a report on the outcomes to the Department for Science and Innovation and SEA-EU Office by 15th June 2026.

The Final Report shall include:

- a) Description of the work undertaken;
- b) The publications or presentations of the work that are planned following the Award period;
- c) The external grant applications that are planned following the Award period;
- d) An overview of the financial expenditure.

The Department for Science and Innovation and SEA-EU Office have the right:

- a) to request additional documentation from the Beneficiary related to the implementation of activities for which funds were allocated.
- b) reserves the right to request the Awardees to participate in dissemination activities

9. Final Provisions

The call and application forms are published on the University of Split's website. All questions regarding the Call can be submitted by via email to: **projekti@unist.hr** with **seaeu@unist.hr** in copy.

RECTOR
Prof. Dragan Ljutić, Ph.D.



Attachments:

1. Letter of Support;
2. CVs of academic staff involved (UNIST and other SEA-EU partners involved);
3. Budget table;
4. Declaration of Commitment

