

ASH Research group policy – per 1 July 2024

The director of ASH has the authority to approve or disapprove applications for new research groups.

1. Research group terms

- Research groups have a standard term of 3 years. Already existing groups will enter the 3-year term at the time of adoption of this policy. New groups will run for 3 years from the moment of approval by the director.
- There are options to extend research groups beyond the expiration of the 3-year term. The research group must submit a request for this to the director including a multi-year plan and report of activities for the past 3 years. Upon approval by the director, the group's term is extended for 3 years.
- There is a possibility after two successful terms and collaborations of research groups to look at converting groups to a centre in consultation with the director. Groups not interested in this can continue as a group.

2. Establishing new research groups

- There is no limit on the number of new research groups per year.
- The initiative of establishing groups lies with the members of ASH. Research groups can be started by all members: PhD candidates, Postdocs, Assistant-, Associate- and full Professors, Professors by special appointment. The initiative of establishment lies with the members of ASH to ensure the bottom-up aspect and encourage a reflection of research interests.
- However, the ASH director may, for example in the case of new strategic themes, encourage certain members to set up a research group together around a new theme.
- ASH members interested in establishing a new research group approach the director with an application. This application includes a theme, appointment of coordinator(s), provisional member list, and a provisional overview of activities.

3. Research group budget

- The priority at ASH is to support the research groups financially. Each group is allocated €500 per calendar year (1 January – 31 December) to be used for events and publications.
- If research groups wish to claim more budget, up to an additional €500 per year is available. To apply for this additional budget the group must submit a well-argued budget to ash-fgw@uva.nl for review by the coordinator and director of ASH.
- The deadline for submitting well-argued budgets for the calendar year in question is 1 March. Budgets submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

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