



1. Introduction

The *Raad Elektrotechniek* or EE-NL has the following missions:

- Increase the visibility of Electrical Engineering (EE) within the Netherlands.
- Draw the attention of relevant parties to the importance of EE technologies.
- Form a community of EE Engineers made up principally of staff from Technical Universities
- Communicate the importance of the discipline for our present and future society, and do so with a long-term vision in mind and in consultation with other disciplines.

With this in mind and with funding guaranteed from the RvTW (Raad voor Technische Wetenschappen) EE-NL has decided to open up a call for proposals to organize events throughout 2025 to achieve these goals.

2. Objective and scope

As EE-NL we want to have the possibility to give money to researchers to organize their own events.

These events can have different goals, examples including:

- Seminar bringing an Electrical Engineering domain together with other domains (ex. Electronics meets Optics)
- Seminar about specific topics (ex. Post CMOS)
- Workshops with industry
- Matchmaking to create consortia for specific calls (ex. NWO Perspectief, ERC etc.)

The available budget for this call is €10.000. We expect with this initiative to support at least five initiatives this year.

3. Conditions

a. Who can apply

Any scientific staff at a university or HBO in the Netherlands with a permanent or temporary contract working in the field of Electrical Engineering may apply. Applicants must get approval from their head of department before submitting.

To submit a proposal applicants must submit the submission form in PDF format through the EE-NL website (<https://ee-nl.nl/open-fund-for-research-events-2025/>).

b. What can be applied for

Below a list of criteria:

- A minimum of €500 and maximum of €2000 can be applied for.
- There must be a co-financing from one's institute or industrial partners of at least 20%.
- The proposal must be an event that is open to the EE research community.
- The event may not have other funding originating from a funding agency (NWO, EU etc.) and may not be used as an "add-on" to an already existing event.
- The event must take place in the Netherlands in 2025.



4. Assessment procedure

a. Procedure

Applicants are requested to upload the submission form filled in with a description of the planned event before the application deadline.

Once the deadline has passed the EE-NL committee will come together and evaluate the proposals.

b. Criteria

The criteria the proposals will be assessed on are the following:

Variety of participants

Bringing together parties that don't regularly meet or the discussion of new topics is valued. It is also encouraged to invite participants from other fields.

Impact of meeting

The expected results that come from a meeting will be evaluated by the committee. Creating new relations, forming new consortia, disseminating knowledge are all valued results.

Support from department

Financial support from the department or from industrial partners above the mandatory 20% will be taken into account.

In the case that 2 proposals are very similar, the assessment may result in the advice to join the proposals and produce one unified proposal – applicants will be contacted if this is the case.

c. Timetable

Below you will find the timetable. During the call, EE-NL might find it necessary to make further changes to the timetable. Delays will be transmitted to those who have showed an interest in applying to the call. The second round will only take place if there is budget over after the first round – this will be communicated via the website.

14 March 2025	Deadline proposal 1st round
End of March 2025	Assessment meeting
17 July 2025	Deadline proposal 2nd round
End of July 2025	Assessment meeting

5. Contact

For specific questions about this Call for proposals, the topics or event ideas, please contact:

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