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2nd RIOS Collaborative Program 2026

Call for proposals

Are you a VU or Amsterdam UMC researcher? Do you have an interesting initiative related to research integrity or open science that you have always wanted to develop but have lacked the support to implement? Would you like to improve knowledge of responsible research practices in your institution? Or are you interested in hosting a colleague for a short period to share expertise with the community on a topic related to research integrity and/or open science?

We can help make it happen!

Send us your proposal for an activity we can organise together this year.

Examples of eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Training sessions
- Workshops
- Symposia
- Hosting guest researchers on campus (maximum 1 month)

Submission rules:

In max. 500 words, tell us about:

- 1) **Rationale** – why is this activity important and necessary? Which [RIOS](#) pillar does it fall under, and why should RIOS organise it?
- 2) **Target group** - who will benefit from it? *Tip: We aim to support initiatives that serve the broader VU and/or AUMC research communities as much as possible, and are less focused on particular research groups or departments.*
- 3) **Details about the activity** – how do you envision this activity taking place? We would like to learn more about the goals and organisational aspects of your activity.
- 4) **Team involved** - In what ways do you want to contribute to the initiative yourself? Who from the team will be involved and in which capacity?
- 5) **Budget** – what is the expected budget required to implement your activity? Please include a budget estimate that accounts for reasonable costs (e.g., a maximum of €7,500 for symposia and training). Is the proposal fully or partly financed by an external party? Please note that staff costs will not be considered.
- 6) **Timeline** – all activities should take place in 2026; guest visits may also take place in 2027.



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Procedure:

- 1) Up to 2 proposals may be submitted per department.
- 2) Late submissions and submissions that do not meet the selection criteria stated below will not be considered.
- 3) Awardees of the 2nd RIOS Collaborative Program are expected to take the lead in implementing their projects. The RIOS team will provide logistic support only (e.g. booking a venue, catering, etc.).

Please submit your proposal by **13th March 2026** to info@rios-vu.nl

We will announce the recipients of the 2nd RIOS Collaborative Program by **1st April 2026**.

Selection Criteria:

1. Alignment with RIOS' mission and target community namely, researchers, teachers and other stakeholders working on research integrity and open science at the VU and Amsterdam UMC.
2. Relevance for the broader VU and Amsterdam UMC communities.
3. Impact – clarity and significance of the expected outcomes, including the anticipated number of people reached and the frequency of the activity.
4. Feasibility – clarity of the implementation of the activity, including consideration of potential constraints and realistic strategies to address them.