

The Radboud AI Innovation Voucher

Radboud AI

Radboud AI (<https://www.ru.nl/ai/>) is an interfaculty initiative that enables researchers at Radboud University and Radboud University Medical Center to clearly position themselves in the field of human-centered responsible AI and strengthen their collaboration with industry and society.



Voucher programme

The “Radboud AI Innovation Voucher” is an initiative of Radboud AI, which aims to improve the connection to society-driven or user-inspired research programmes in a focused research area. Key objective is to **facilitate fundamental AI research in collaborations with more society-driven or user-inspired research partners**, including technical universities, research institutes, consultancy firms, startups, small- and medium sized companies, and large industrial partners.

In 2021, 3 vouchers will be awarded, each of **max. € 20,000**, for a project contributing to the mission of Radboud AI: strengthening industrial collaboration and impact. Examples of Radboud AI Voucher activity include, amongst others:

- Active participation in a matchmaking event, networks or conference, e.g. by one-to-one meetings and/or presentations;
- Initiate multidisciplinary efforts, including project development and grant application;
- Preparing a national or international (TRL 3+) society-driven public-private grant application, e.g. Horizon Europe RIA and IA, Eurostars, NWO-NWA, NWO-KIC, TopSectors, EFRO, InterReg;
- A feasibility study to determine the possibility of AI applications in industrial processes;
- A pilot scale or proof-of-concept experiment;
- Building a new public-private consortium on a national or EU level with industry, SMEs and other societal partners;
- Organising a symposium, conference or matchmaking event that serves the goals of Radboud AI;
- Combinations of these.



Focus: Artificial Intelligence and Data Science

The Radboud AI voucher is open to activities contributing to the development and use of artificial intelligence and advanced data science in collaboration with external partners.

Eligibility criteria for projects and costs:

- Employee of Radboud University, Radboud University Medical Center or Donders Institute. Note: also Postdocs and PhD's are invited to submit a proposal.
- A clear Radboud AI focus;
- User-inspired research;
- Costs can include salary, consultancy, subcontracted work, conference costs, travel expenses, etc. Note that costs of investments/equipment larger than 5k€ are not possible;
- The amount requested must be spent before 31 December 2022;
- Applicants are committed to present the results of the awarded project at the Radboud AI Meeting (either virtual or live).

The committee is particularly appreciative of:

- Projects that contribute to a long-term collaboration leading to follow-up projects and investments;
- Project with interfaculty collaboration; and
- Projects co-funded by industry.

Application and Evaluation

You can apply for the Radboud AI Innovation Voucher by sending your application to radboudai@ru.nl before the **31st of March 2021**. The applications will be evaluated by independent evaluators. The selected projects will subsequently be submitted to the Radboud AI Management Board for approval. The awarded projects will be announced before the end of April. Projects can start on May 1, 2021 and have to be finalized before December 31, 2022.

More information

For more information, please join the information session on **March 10 between 10:30 and 12:00**. Please register for this meeting via this [link](#). Or contact Esther van Straten via 06 – 50010364 or radboudai@ru.nl.