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OUR MOTIVATION

“There is a simple rationale for an academic to participate in university development cooperation: universities emanate the belief that development originates in research: research for development – R4D – is the central paradigm of any university. This holds for both the North and the South. Hence, as an academic, one must focus one’s research where a real difference can be made. This attitude is transferred every day to students, fostering the necessary awareness and social responsibility which should be expected from future leaders in a globalised world.”

Roel Merckx, Professor at the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, KU Leuven

See the detailed list of proposals (separate) for an overview of projects seeking funding.

KU Leuven is involved in a large number of development projects in the South. All of them meet the basic criteria of our development cooperation policy and are based on mutual involvement and respect for human dignity. The projects emphasise quality, capacity building, enduring results, maximal synergy and complementarity with other donors and actors.

The challenges targeted by development projects demand the devotion and commitment of many people and organisations. To be successful, our development projects require strong backing from a variety of partners. We rely on the support of the higher education community, government, business, philanthropists and like-minded organisations to achieve our common goals.

How can I show my support?

1. Endowed chairs

Are you convinced that strategic research can help advance knowledge? Do you believe that education and research can help address development issues in an enduring, sustainable way?

KU Leuven researchers often run promising R&D projects with high social impact. These ‘projects’ are manifestly important to meeting development needs, but sometimes the necessary leverage to further deploy the research findings is missing. Your contribution is crucial at this stage as it can mean the difference between a project ending prematurely and a project thriving, expanding and impacting local societies in a real way.

KU Leuven offers the possibility of encouraging academic research by funding an endowed chair. The endowed chair bears the donor’s name and supports the work of an outstanding researcher or group of researchers. An endowed chair can be funded either by private individuals or by an organisation or company.

An endowed chair differs from contract research in that it is, quite simply, a gift. KU Leuven retains the intellectual property rights to the results of academic research performed within the context of the chair.

Inside this brochure you will find an ample portfolio of research related to development. The projects address key problems faced by developing countries.



2. Make a donation to the KU Leuven's scholarship funds

Several scholarship funds invest in young and promising bachelor, master and PhD-students to excel in their field of study and to fulfil their dreams.

The **Leymah Gbowee Scholarship Fund** provides young African women with the opportunity to earn a bachelor-level degree at a partner university in Africa or a master-level degree at KU Leuven.

The **Roger Dillemans Fund** encourages outstanding graduate students to take on a second master study at KU Leuven (MaNaMa).

The **Marc Vervenne Fund** stimulates talented researchers to engage in development-relevant research in their home country. The fund supports them with a 'sandwich'-PhD-scholarship which allows the scholar at least four research stays at KU Leuven to review and discuss the research proposal, the methodology, data-analysis and final dissertation with their Flemish doctoral adviser.

3. Capacity building in social sectors

Leuven University Hospitals, the Biomedical Sciences Group of KU Leuven and the Department of Health and Technology of Leuven University College have joined forces for medical development cooperation activities, grouped under the name LUMOS. Their projects support the sustainable development of health care in developing countries through knowledge transfer and capacity building in an interactive cooperation.

Like LUMOS, there are various initiatives that take on the challenge of collaborating on a local level to support hands-on training in the field and further develop and improve sustainable service to society.



Your donation is greatly appreciated.

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TESTIMONIAL

"Thanks to the University Development Cooperation Fund grant I can now conduct trailblazing research for the benefit of the very weakest in society: new-born babies. As well as the assistance I get in Leuven, I am supported in Kinshasa by Professor Tady, my local supervisor, and two research assistants. It means I can continue to teach my students and give the doctors of tomorrow a good education."

Thérèse Biselele, doctor at Kinshasa University and PhD at KU Leuven



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Donations to the scholarship fund of your choosing can be made via bank transfer using the following account information:

■ **Marc Vervenne Fund**

KBC, Brusselsesteenweg 100, 3000 Leuven
IBAN account number: BE45 7340 1941 7789; BIC code: KREDBEBB. Please include the following code in the 'Remittance information' (in Dutch, 'Mededeling') field of the bank transfer form: 10H-UNIFOS-P3610.

■ **Roger Dillemans Fund**

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■ **Leymah Gbowee Fund**

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IBAN account number: BE45 7340 1941 7789; BIC code: KREDBEBB. Please include the following code in the 'Remittance information' (in Dutch, 'Mededeling') field of the bank transfer form: 400/0007/98469.

Any donation of 40€ or higher per year by bank transfer may benefit from the Belgian tax deduction.

We are hard at work in the countries indicated on the map.
Visit our website for more information on the various projects in each country.

www.kuleuven.be/international/development_cooperation/

