



CRASIS is a platform for the study of antiquity and brings together experts in the Graeco-Roman world and Near Eastern studies — Classical Greece, the Hellenistic world, the Roman Empire, Judaism, Christianity and Islam — at the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Religion, Culture and Society of the University of Groningen and the Protestant Theological University. Its aim is to advance interdisciplinary study of the interplay between culture, religion and society in antiquity.

CRASIS Networks Scheme

CRASIS aims to support and stimulate research projects on antiquity that transcend disciplinary and faculty boundaries. To this end, CRASIS invites applications from researchers seeking to establish multi- or interdisciplinary research networks. The CRASIS Networks scheme aims to create opportunities for researchers in Groningen to work together around a common research interest. In these networks members support each other in developing research projects and writing grant applications, as well as organizing events that support discussion and disseminate the work of the network members. CRASIS offers to give financial support for the organization of network events for a period of two years.

Bringing together staff and research students from across faculties and at different career stages, CRASIS Networks promote interdisciplinary thinking and the development of collaborative skills. The conveners of Networks must come from three different disciplines (of which at least two must be part of CRASIS) and the theme of the Network must relate to the study of Mediterranean antiquity. We encourage Networks which bring the study of antiquity into conversation with other disciplines and/or contemporary societal issues.

Ideally, network events should provide genuine opportunities for discussion and collaboration and should be open to participants from across the University of Groningen and, where applicable, the Protestant Theological University. Activities organised by the network may include seminars, reading groups, discussion forums, guest speaker talks, performances, film screenings, guided walks, visits to museums, hands-on workshops and any other activities that will further the intellectual and collaborative aims of the Network.

The choice of research theme and the range of activities organized by the network is to be decided by the Network conveners. CRASIS does not aim to set the networks' agendas. We also do not set an initial threshold for the size of a new network. Indeed, we welcome innovative applications that will enable small groups of scholars to create new networks and introduce research agendas that will develop during the course of the years that the Network exists. Networks should plan a range of ongoing activities over the two years of funding rather than only one single large event.

Proposals should give a brief account of the theme of the network, as well as its interdisciplinary nature. In addition, applicants should provide information about plans for proposed network activities and a preliminary budget outlining how they will spend the funds.

The deadline for the receipt of applications is 26th of May 2025.

Requirements:

- Hosting one of the Ancient World Seminars during the funding period
- Organizing an activity aimed at graduate students
- Organizing an activity that explicitly encourages participation of BA students

What CRASIS can offer:

- Funding of up to 1200 EUR in total, available over a period of 2 years. Applications for smaller amounts are very welcome too.
- Networks receive one slot in the monthly Ancient World Seminar. The network selects a speaker to invite, CRASIS will pay travel costs for the speaker, and drinks and dinner after the seminar (up to a limit of 280 EUR per seminar).

Applications will be checked regarding their fulfilment of the requirements stated above and their fit with the aims of the network scheme:

- To promote multidisciplinary by creating a community of researchers from across the Groningen academic community.
- To promote the integration of teaching and research.

If we receive more applications which fulfil all the required criteria than we are able to fund, the funded networks will be selected via a lottery system.