

RESEARCH PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

In this call for participation we invite researchers to contribute to the body of research coming forth from the Think Forward Initiative. We are offering funding amounts, typically up to €5,000 for either reports which give deeper insight into the questions formulated in one of the three research challenges, or that give deeper insight into a wildcard question (or wildcard research challenge) formulated by the researcher herself/himself. The proposals that are best rated in deepening insight into the challenge areas will be awarded funding. In case your proposal would be accepted, that will be communicated to you by November 20, 2017. The deadline for your 1) (end draft) research report, 2) an extended abstract, and 3) a non-technical summary is March 12, 2018. Everything that is required in a proposal submission by November 6th, 2017 can be found in the information below.

Aside from the final report, the non-technical summary (1000 words) and abstract (500 words, to be published as an accompanying article on the TFI website) must be written in such a manner that innovators wanting to translate the insights contained into solutions are able to engage with the results. In other words, where technical language can be communicated in general terms (for the non-technical summary and abstract), it is encouraged (without omitting key results/insights).

The next phase, where your report may be used for innovation is in the TFI Accelerator Challenge. How this works in the overall TFI ecosystem is that research insights could feed into future accelerator challenges, where teams will use the insights gathered through research to build impactful solutions. The research that comes forth from the TFI research challenge will also become part of the TFI's online database of published research insights. Your work will be published to be read by the TFI network and beyond. This online body of work will be freely accessible for all. We hope through the unique TFI research, people from a diverse range of organisations can use insights to empower people in their (financial) decision making.

PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Please note: the completed research proposal form must be sent by email to Dagmar.van.der.plas@thinkforwardinitiative.com to arrive no later than November 6, 2017 .	
PRINCIPAL RESEARCHER	
Full Name:	Country of residence:
Indicate which challenge topic this application corresponds to: Non cash payments- money relationships [] Social warnings- links to consumer trust [] Financial vulnerability assessment [] Wild card submission []	
Telephone:	
E-mail:	
Project title:	

PART II - RESEARCH PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Short summary of your proposed work (1000 words maximum), please include the following elements:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rationale and background: 2. Study goals and objectives: 3. Research question? 4. On which existing work does your research build? 5. Which essential insights would your research output bring forward that is useable for innovation that helps people in their decision-making? 6. Does the research focus on any specific part(s) of the population? Which? 7. How would your work contribute to a better understanding of the problems that are addressed in the Research Challenge? 8. In case of data collection underlying the research outcomes: shortly describe the method, scale and external validation. 9. Are there any ethical considerations relevant for the research project(s)?

10. (Optional) Once you have firmly established the problem – based on societal need – would you have any suggestions on a direction for a solution to be developed by innovation?
11. (If applicable) Specify the study design, hypothesis/hypotheses, reference and study population, definitions, interventions, sample size and sampling strategy, follow up procedures and investigations.
12. (If applicable) Other considerations & follow-up plan.
13. (If applicable) Data management and statistical analysis

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Please attach in email submission along with this form.

Acceptance of general conditions by the Principal Researcher

If my application is successful, I agree to be actively engaged to deliver a full report along with an abstract and a non-technical summary, in accordance with the deadlines as specified in this research proposal form.

Signature:

Date:

INSTITUTION OF INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING IN THE CHALLENGE

Full name and postal address of the Institution:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Fax:

Type of organization (specify if University, research institute, NGO etc):

BUDGET

Expenditures (specify and provide a brief description of the main expenditures items you expect)