

Funding the launch of your innovative ideas

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In 2002, Klaas Wierenga had an idea. He shared it with colleagues around the community and with a little funding for a pilot project, eduroam was born. In a similar fashion, TERENA was able to enable the NRENum.net project to get going.

If you have a great idea and want to demonstrate proof of concept, or get a pilot up and running the Vietsch Foundation can help with a small funding grant.

The application process for getting funding is simple, lightweight and quick, usually taking a few weeks.

The Vietsch Foundation provides funding grants for:

- 1) Project proposals for the development of innovative technologies, services or approaches that enhance the use of Internet technology in support of research and higher education, or
- 2) Original studies and reports that will inform the more effective use of internet technologies in research and higher education.

The benefits for scientific research and higher education should clearly be described in the project proposal. These benefits should be tangible and add demonstrable value for end users.

Projects already funded include:

+ Searsia - an open source, privacy-respecting search engine and a protocol, created by academic researchers.

+ FedLab Federation Test Harness - a system intended to make federation integration quicker and cheaper.

+ edu-vpn - an initiative to make VPN technology commonly available, by building better and more user-friendly tools.

The full criteria we use for assessing proposals are available on the Foundation website at: www.vietsch-foundation.org

You can contact us informally or send a proposal at any time via the project submission email address: projects@vietsch-foundation.org