



Call For Proposals

Tilburg Institute for Private Debt (TiPD) Research Grants

- deadline for proposal submissions is June 30, 2021 -

Tilburg Institute for Private Debt (TiPD) (<https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/research/institutes-and-research-groups/tipd>) invites academics and scholars to submit research proposals for projects on private debt related topics. We expect to approve around half a dozen projects of one-year length and give grants of EUR5,000 to EUR 20,000 per project. Projects of longer time span may apply for continued support after completing the research specified for the grant year.

TOPICS: The topics of particular interest for 2021/2022 (calendar year) include:

- 1) Portfolio level risk and return of private debt funds.
- 2) Private debt portfolio level contracts and governance structures (including organizational topics, use of covenants, execution of control rights and execution of those etc.)
- 3) Market neutrality of private debt funds.
- 4) The role of private debt in corporate financing with respect to sponsored and non-sponsored borrowers.

The recipient of the grant is required to submit one research paper (of a maximum length of 60 pages) and one non-technical white paper (4-5 pages single-spaced) upon completion of the project, and present the research results in a conference, seminar or webinar organized by TiPD.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Each research proposal should consist of at most three single-spaced pages, and must include:

- (1) The project title, information on the principal investigator (PI) and institution where the PI is affiliated, information on any co-PIs, a summary of the project, the project's intended contribution, the data to be employed, research methodology, and preliminary results (if any). It will be useful for the screening committee to know if required data have already been sourced or are known to be available.
- (2) The proposal should include the following statement: Any publication resulted from the project will acknowledge the financial support of Tilburg Institute for Private Debt. The PI should sign and date after this statement.
- (3) A bank account that can EUR payment, or an alternative payment method proposed for approval by Tilburg University.



(4) A separate CV of the principal investigator (not counting towards the three single-spaced pages limit) attached to the research proposal. Items (1) through (4) sent in one single pdf file to tipd@tilburguniversity.edu with the subject "TiPD Grant Application". The deadline for proposal submissions is June 30, 2021. Project approval decisions will be made and emailed by December 31, 2021.

GRANT DETAILS: Funding will be paid in two stages: 50% of the grant will be paid upon approval of the research proposal; the remaining 50% will be paid if the following conditions are met. Grant recipients are responsible for paying taxes on the money received. TiPD will pay the grants as honorarium before tax.

FURTHER DETAILS:

(1) PI's are expected to submit, by June 30, 2022, a preliminary draft of the research paper, and a preliminary draft of the white paper (4-5 pages single-spaced) which should include a description of the major findings in non-technical, easy to understand language.

(2) A final draft of the research paper must be submitted by December 31, 2022 accompanied by a final draft of the white paper (4-5 pages single-spaced) that give due consideration to all comments and feedback received from TiPD.

(3) Presentation by the PI or co-PI of the research results at a conference, seminar or webinar to be organized by TiPD (date and venue to be determined). For each project, TiPD will cover one hotel room of 1-night stay (in the conference-designated hotel only and if presented at a TiPD conference) and all conference meals. TiPD will not cover any conference-related travel and insurance expenses, as well as any other expenses unspecified here or not specified later in writing directly between TiPD and the PI.

ABOUT TiPD:

Our institute provides an independent and unbiased perspective on the non-bank private debt industry, adhering to the highest standards of academic integrity and quality associated with Tilburg University. Our research is conducted in close collaboration with industry leaders, both investors and borrowers, and aimed at top peer-reviewed academic journals on the one side and relevant business-oriented publications on the other side. We promote collaboration amongst academic researchers and create knowledge that is relevant to investors (limited and general partners), private debt fund managers, advisors, banks, family offices and companies aiming at borrowing funds. We also provide training and courses in the field. Information with regards to TiPD can be found at <https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/research/institutes-and-research-groups/tipd> .