

Spark: strengthen your interdisciplinary competences at CUCo

The Spark granting scheme is an interdisciplinary learning space that supports early and mid-career academics in strengthening competences for interdisciplinary research. It also serves to meet others to explore research ideas and potentially form teams with.

DISCIPLINARY GROUNDING

Becoming aware of each other's biases and assumptions



- Embodied mapping
- Empathy maps

FINDING COMMON GROUND

Becoming aware of tension in complexity and ambiguity



- Stick exercise

PERSPECTIVE-TAKING

Appreciating differences



- Interplanetary travel
- Unravelling multi-, inter- and transdisciplinarity

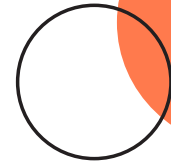
INTEGRATION

Becoming aware of one's biases and assumptions

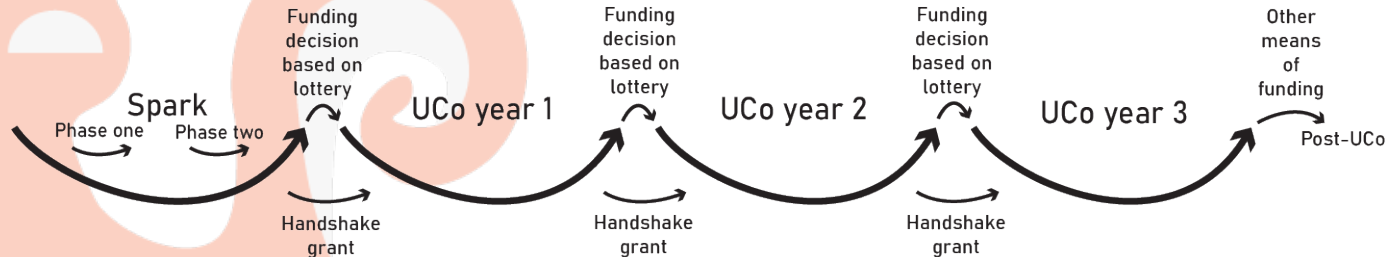


- Generating integrated research questions

The Centre for Unusual Collaborations (CUCo) equips researchers with resources and capacities to come together in unusual collaborations that address the most pressing challenges of the age.



CUCo's granting schemes



Spark phase one

Four half-day workshops that focus on:

- Interdisciplinary research competence development
- Connecting researchers as potential Spark collaborators

Spark phase two

A grant (€ 9k) that enables researchers to:

- Build a team and explore a topic
- Co-create a common working language

Unusual Collaborations

Grants (€ 50k-140k) for outside-the-box inter- and transdisciplinary research that:

- Is societally relevant
- May aim to contribute to societal impact