Criteria TDG fund for students

Introduction
TDG stimulates activities in which the TU/e community can learn from (use of) technologies in the context of a developing economy. An objective of TDG therefore is to promote research by TU/e students in developing countries/Global South. TDG yearly offers students of TU/e financial means to execute his/her research. Students are invited to apply for TDG funding if the criteria below are met.

Criteria
- Research (thesis research/internship) needs to take place in a developing country/Global South
- Research is part of his/her study. His/her supervisor has approved of his/her research proposal.
- Focus of study needs to be on technology in relation to its (local) social, economical, etc. context
- Topic of study needs to be relevant for society (people) and/or related to sustainable development.
- Outcomes of research are (likely to be) useful and relevant to the TU/e community (other students, researchers, professionals, managers etc.) from an educational/research perspective.
- The student is willing to co-operate (with TDG Activity Committee) in presenting his/her results after returning
- the student is a fulltime TU/e student
- the project is not (completely) funded by other sources

Next to this the TDG committee strives to ("soft" requirements):
- Provide funding to students who are unlikely to receive (a) grant(s) through other organizations (for example students of foreign origin).
- Provides funding to a number of students researching a diversity of topics

Process
TDG strives to grant at least 4 times/year funding (500 Euro) to 1 or more students. At predetermined dates (1st of March, June, September, December) all requests are considered and a decision is made by the Daily Board on who meets the criteria and fits best into the Committee's additional "soft" requirements.

Students applying need to hand in their documents by e-mail at the Secretariat of TDG at the latest 14 days before the due date. If documents are approved of, the Committee possibly invites the student for a short interview. Decisions are communicated within 3 days after the due date by e-mail.

Required documents
- Summary research proposal in which relevance to the TU/e community is described
- Overview budget
- Short explanation on prospect of student to receive other grants/financial support by other organizations
- The student needs to demonstrate a research proposal approved by his/her supervisor.