# **Fund Maaike Lars Trees**

# Research into the pathogenesis of pancreatic cancer

# CALL FOR PROJECTS 2022

The Fund Maaike Lars Trees was created to support medical scientific research on cancer.

The King Baudouin Foundation manages the Fund with the help of a national scientific jury and a Steering Committee.

The Fund is launching a call for projects in the field of research into the **pathogenesis of pancreatic** cancer.

## Subject of the call

The call is for non-commercial projects in **fundamental research** in the field of pathogenesis in pancreatic cancer. This includes scientific disciplines such as biochemistry, physiology, immunology, molecular and cell biology, etc. and involves laboratory studies such as cell cultures, animal studies or pathophysiological experiments.

### Selection criteria

## Scientific quality of the project

Quality of the research:

- Scientific rigour of the project design and methodology (including statistical methodology)
- Feasibility of the proposed study, including the feasibility of the proposed timeline

The added value of the research to existing knowledge/practices:

- The project addresses identified medical issues related to cancer

#### Track record

- Publication record and other achievements of the principal investigator (main applicant) since the start of their career
- Potential of the research team and, if applicable, collaborating teams: scientific environment, competence, experience and benefit of the collaboration

### Perspective of implementation of the results

- Communication plan and knowledge transfer steps
- Plan of implementation and follow-up of the research results

### **Budget**

Adequacy and justification of the budget

#### **Ethical questions**

- A description of how ethical issues are taken into account is required



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- Researchers should obtain Ethical Approval for the studies that require such approval before the project can start (but not before the introduction of the application).

## Eligible applicants

### **Organizations**

The Foundation will only fund not-for-profit organizations.

For-profit organizations (e.g. pharmaceutical companies) can be part of a research team but are excluded from funding.

## **Principal Investigator**

The call is open to:

- Researchers in Belgium working full-time or part-time (at least 50%) in an academic centre, university hospital or research centre.
- Applicants who have obtained at least a doctoral degree.
- The lead applicant may not apply for more than one grant as lead PI but may be a co-applicant on more than one application.

#### Location

- The project is initiated and coordinated in Belgium.

#### **Collaborations**

- Collaborative projects are encouraged. Projects involving international collaboration between research teams must be initiated and coordinated by the team based in Belgium.
- Interdisciplinarity and international collaborations are encouraged.

#### Grant

#### Amount, duration and allocation

- Financial support of up to € 200.000 will be awarded to one single research project, projects covering a working period of two years.
- The support can be used for all costs related to the project.

## New or ongoing project

- The support should enable researchers to initiate a new research project or continue an ongoing project.

#### Overhead

- If any overhead should be taken, the overhead cannot exceed 15%.

#### **Procedure**

If you are interested, please submit an online application via the website of the King Baudouin Foundation <a href="www.kbs-frb.be">www.kbs-frb.be</a>. Applications should be submitted in English by 31/01/2023 at midnight at the latest. Candidates will receive an acknowledgment of receipt.

#### Selection

Applications will be submitted to an independent scientific jury.

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The jury will assess the projects and draw up recommendations for the Fund Steering Committee of the Fund Maaike Lars Trees, which will make the final decision. The decision will be published in April 2023.

### **Contact**

- For technical assistance during the application process: Contact centre – Tel +32-(0)2 500 45 55 – proj@kbs-frb.be
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