

Fund for research in neurodegenerative disorders

Call for projects in neurodegenerative disorders Research grant 2023

The Funds Malou Malou, Perano, Georgette Paulus, JMJS Breugelmans and Gabrielle, François & Christian De Mesmaeker, Jules Delière, Martha & Louise and Agnès & Pierre Bernard were created to support scientific research into neurodegenerative diseases of the brain such as Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease.

In 2023, the Funds will support scientific projects that explore and develop an innovative, non-pharmacological approach to the functional, clinical and/or psychosocial problems facing older people with a neurodegenerative brain disease.

Following research topics are eligible (non-exhaustive):

- physical activities (walking, balance, movement etc)
- daily activities
- cognition
- emotion
- sensory enhancement
- communication/interaction/relationship interventions
- environmental changes
- nutrition
- interventions primarily focused on professional caregivers
- interventions focused on informal caregivers and patients at home
- interventions focuses on patients in long term care
- innovative care models
- place of new technologies
- ...

Eligible Applicants

- The call is open to researchers or research teams in Belgium working in academic centre, university hospital or research centre, and to health professionals whose activities are centred on care for older people with a neurodegenerative disease of the brain.
- The application is supported by a head of department of the centre concerned.
- The project is initiated and coordinated in Belgium.

For candidates who are not comfortable with completing project's calls, it is recommended to seek the support of someone with experience.

Grant

- A financial support of maximum € 150.000 per project, covering a period of 2 years, will be given to up to three high-level research projects. An independent jury of experts will fix the amount based on a detailed and realistic budget.
- The support can be used for all costs related to the project.
- The overhead cannot exceed 15%.



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Selection criteria

- **Scientific quality of the project**
 - o Quality of the research design and methodology, including a timeline, statistics, sample calculation, feasibility, impact and potential.
 - o Innovative character of the project.
- **Added value**
 - o of the research to existing knowledge.
 - o to answer an issue facing older people with a neurodegenerative brain disease.
- **Track record** of the research leader (applicant) and his team.
- **Potential impact of the research for the patients**
- **Perspective of implementation of the results**
 - o Clear plan for the communication of the results and knowledge transfer steps.
 - o Plan of implementation and follow-up of the research results.
- **Adequacy and justification of the budget**
- **Ethical questions**
 - o A description of how ethical issues are taken into account.
 - o Researchers should obtain Ethical Approval for the studies before the project can start (but not before the introduction of the application).

Procedure

Submit your **online application** via the website of the King Baudouin Foundation www.kbs-frb.be.

The applications must be submitted **in English** by **13th June 2023** at the latest.

Candidates will receive confirmation that their application was received.

Selection

Applications will be submitted to an independent scientific jury. The jury will assess the projects and will draw up recommendations for the Funds Steering Committee managed by the King Baudouin Foundation which will take the final decision.

The decision will be published in October 2023

Contact King Baudouin Foundation

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