

Funds for clinical research on multiple myeloma

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CALL FOR PROJECTS

2024

The funds Paul & Claire Damen-Huart, Jos & Marie-Thérèse De Brauwere-Van Laeken and René were created to support **medical research on multiple myeloma**.

The Funds are managed by the King Baudouin Foundation with the help of a scientific jury and a Steering Committee.

These three Funds together are launching a joint call for clinical research projects in multiple myeloma.

Subject of the call

The call 2024 concerns:

“Clinical research on multiple myeloma”

The support of the funds should **enable clinicians to develop their own research line and to anchor their longer-term research vision**.

A total amount of €75.000 is made available to support one research project for a maximum of two years.

Eligible applicants

Organizations

The Foundation will only fund not-for-profit organizations. For-profit organizations (e.g. biopharmaceutical companies) can be part of a research team but are excluded from funding.

Main applicant

- The call is open to clinicians (arts/master en médecine) committed to a PhD program after at least one year training as a clinician or within 4 years after promotion (excluding documented career break(s)) who can convincingly show they envisage pursuing a research line, either for a PhD or to continue research following a PhD.
- Applicants must have a position as a clinician at a Belgian university hospital and receive the agreement of the head of the clinical department to carry out the proposed research program.
- The hospitals and universities are expected to provide co-funding in the form of infrastructure facilities.
- If the clinical research program is supported by a research group at a Belgian research University or institution, the head of the research group has to confirm its support.



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Scientific support

The supporting team has an internationally accepted scientific expertise on multiple myeloma or on the research topic required for the project and guarantees the autonomous elaboration of the project by the recipient of the grant.

Collaborations

Collaborative projects are encouraged. Projects that involve collaboration of international research teams must be initiated and coordinated by the team based in Belgium.

Selection criteria

Scientific quality of the project

- Rigour of the research design and methodology (including statistical methodology)
- Feasibility of the proposed study, including feasibility of the proposed timeline
- The project addresses clearly identified medical issues related to multiple myeloma
- Innovative character of the project

Relevance/added-value of the research to existing knowledge/clinical practices

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- The proposal includes an assessment of the necessity and relevance of the research question, including the long-term patient perspective

Potential of the main applicant and research team

- Previous research achievements of the main applicant since the start of their career.
- career potential of main applicant (creativity, management skills, international visibility...)
- Potential of the research team & collaborating teams: scientific environment, competence, experience, added value of the collaboration

Potential impact

- of the results on diagnosis/prognosis/treatment
- of the research on quality of care/quality of life
- of the research for patients, their family and/or professionals.
- of the research on society

Perspective of implementation of the results

- The proposal has to include a clear plan for the implementation of the study results.

Dissemination of the study

- The proposal has to include a clear plan for the communication of the study results.
- Plan of implementation & follow up of the research results.

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Justification of the budget

Ethical questions & gender issues

- A description of how ethical issues , if any, are taken into account. If the project has to be submitted to an Ethics Committee, researchers should :
 - mention the N° of submission to the ethical committee in the application file
 - send ethical approval before the project can start (but not before the introduction of the application).
- A description of how gender/diversity issues, if any, are taken into account.

Grant

Amount, duration and allocation

- A total amount of € 75.000 is available to support maximum one research project for a period of two years.
- In case of insufficient high-quality projects, the jury and the Steering Committee reserve the right not to spend the full amount available.
- The grant will be made available in instalments conditional upon approval of the activity reports.
- The main applicant will be invited to present the final activity report to the jury and fund steering committee upon conclusion of the grant.

Overhead

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

Procedure

If you are interested, please submit **an online application** via the website of the King Baudouin Foundation www.kbs-frb.be. Applications should be submitted **in English** by **29/05/2024** at midnight at the latest. Candidates will receive an acknowledgement of receipt.

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, which will make the final decision.

The decision will be published on the website of the King Baudouin Foundation in August 2024.

Contact

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