

Call for projects 2025 - N° 4 - Prize Dr. Léon Dumont

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The Belgian Heart Fund was created in collaboration with the Belgian Society of Cardiology to support research in cardiology. The Dr. Léon Dumont prize is a legacy offered to the Belgian Society of cardiology to award research excellence. The Fund is managed by the King Baudouin Foundation with the help of a scientific jury and a Fund Steering Committee. The Fund is launching a Prize for research in the field of **cardiology**.

Subject of the call

The Prize concerns **basic or clinical research** in the field of **cardiovascular pathologies**. The Prize is intended as a recognition for realized research in cardiology and an encouragement to continue research in this field.

Eligible applicants

The call is open to European researchers in cardiovascular medicine, working in a member country of the European Society of Cardiology (see www.escardio.org for the list of countries). Candidates must be actively engaged in research and may not be older than 50 years on 31st December 2025.

Selection criteria

- Scientific quality and originality of the realized research
- Scientific quality and potential impact of the proposed future research
- Track record and career potential of the main applicant (creativity, management skills, international visibility etc.)

Prize

- An amount of € 40.000 is available to award one single researcher.
- No overhead can be deducted from this Prize. The entire amount must go to the grantee.
- The Prize money has to be re-invested in further research and will be transferred to the research account of the institute where the researcher is working.
- The laureate might be required to give the “Dumont Prize Lecture” at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Belgian Society for Cardiology in January 2026 in Brussels, Belgium.

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 **08/09/2025 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 General Steering Committee of the Fund which will make the

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final decision. The decision will be published in January 2026. The grant will be officially awarded at the annual congress of the Belgian Society of Cardiology planned in January 2026.

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N° 2. Clinical research in cardiology, launched by the Belgian Heart Fund and the Fund Fernand Léonard.

N° 3. Call for Multicentre clinical trials, launched by the Belgian Heart Fund.

Information on the ongoing calls is available on the websites of the King Baudouin Foundation and of the Belgian Society of Cardiology.

Please note that one same project can only be introduced once, parallel introduction of the same project in different calls is not allowed. On the other hand, a candidate or team can submit different projects for different calls.

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