

Call for research projects 2026

The Fund *Assure Your Future* – Abefradoc – Benevermedex – Assuralia was established in 2017 under the umbrella of the Dutch-speaking Association of Insurance Physicians and Medical Experts (Belgische Nederlandstalige Vereniging van Verzekeringsraadsartsen en Medische Expertsen vzw). In 2025, the French-speaking organisation Abefradoc (Association Belge Francophone du Dommage Corporel, asbl) joined the Fund. Assuralia, the Umbrella organization of Belgian and foreign insurance and reinsurance companies active in Belgium supports financially the activities of the Fund.

Through its support for scientific research, the Fund *Assure Your Future* – Abefradoc – Benevermedex – Assuralia aims to advance knowledge on the prevention and assessment of personal injury, including both physical and psychological harm, as well as on the rehabilitation and compensation of injury. The Fund seeks to contribute to improved practices and decision-making in the assessment of personal injury within the context of private insurance, and ultimately to enhance the quality of life of individuals affected by injury, illness, or disability.

In addition, the Fund is committed to identifying and addressing unmet needs within the private insurance sector—such as the evaluation of mental health disorders or determining the monetary value of human life.

The Fund is managed by the King Baudouin Foundation.

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The Fund is launching a call for scientific research projects in the field of private insurance, relating to:

- the prevention of personal injury (e.g., traffic accidents, occupational accidents, chronic illnesses);
- the assessment of personal injury (including both physical and psychological harm) and the improvement of its rehabilitation and compensation;
- the medical and health economic aspects of personal insurance (e.g., life insurance, health insurance).

Target Audience

This call is open to all persons conducting scientific research in the specific fields outlined in the call.

Researchers do not necessarily have to work at an academic institution, but the quality of the research has to be of an academic level.

The research must serve the public interest, and the research results must be made available to all interested parties. Any research funding granted must be fully invested in the research and may not be used for personal enrichment.

Selection Criteria

Research proposals submitted will be evaluated by an independent jury on the basis of the following criteria:

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- **Scientific quality** of the project. An academic level of research is required, although projects do not necessarily need to originate from an academic institution.
- **Relevance and potential impact** of the project on **private insurance**: to what extent does the project address unmet needs in the private insurance sector or contribute to improving existing processes?
- **Novelty**: both the topic and the research project must be innovative.
- **Feasibility** of the project within the allocated time and budget.

Budget

A total budget of up to €45,000 is available for this call. This amount may be distributed among multiple projects. No overhead costs may be deducted from the(se) grant(s).

Procedure

Interested? You can submit **an online application** via the website of the King Baudouin Foundation www.kbs-frb.be. Applications should be submitted **in English** by 30/09/2026 at midnight at the latest. Candidates will receive an acknowledgement of receipt.

Selection

The jury will assess the projects and will draw up recommendations for the Fund Steering Committee managed by the King Baudouin Foundation, which will make the final decision. The decision will be published in November 2026.

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