Fund Claire Fauconnier & Fund Guy Sallets

Improving the quality of care and the quality of life of patients with Multiple Sclerosis and their relatives

Call for research projects 2020

The Fund Claire Fauconnier and the Fund Guy Sallets were created to support research on the quality of care in Multiple Sclerosis, in order to improve the quality of life of patients and their relatives.

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

Subject of the call 2020

The Fund Claire Fauconnier and the Fund Guy Sallets are launching a third common call for projects. The topic of this call is:

Improving the quality of care and the quality of life of patients with Multiple Sclerosis and their relatives

Selection criteria

Scientific quality of the project

- Description of the project, including the objectives, primary and secondary goals, methodology, timeline, feasibility and outcomes.
- State of knowledge and how innovative is your project?

Relevance of the project

- What is the added value of the project to existing care?
- Is there a real need which has been identified in the group of patients and/or caregivers in your project? Show us the need.

Potential impact

- What will be the impact of the results for the patients, caregivers, society?
- What will be the impact of the results on the diagnostic/treatment/quality of care/quality of life?

Involvement of stakeholders

• Who are the stakeholders? How will they be involved and how is their expertise taken into account in the research?

Budget: adequacy of the budget

Ethical questions & Clinical trials

- Are there any ethical questions related to the research and how does the applicant intend to take these into account?
- When the research includes clinical trials, the project description must include a
 declaration that all trials will be conducted according to the international GCP quality



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standard of the ICH. Researchers should obtain Ethical Approval for the studies before the project can start.

Eligible applicants

The call is open to health care teams and organizations based in Belgium, who play an important role in the care for patients suffering from MS and their relatives (medical, social, psychological care, etc.). Collaboration between different teams is encouraged. The project has to be initiated and coordinated in Belgium.

The application should be formally supported by a confirmed researcher (e.g. holds a PhD or clear research experience) in a letter in which he confirms what he expects of this project and the scientific value of it. He does not need to be part of the research team.

For candidates who are not comfortable with filling in calls for project, it is recommended to seek the support of someone with experience.

Grants

A total budget to be allocated to this common call will be of €100.000, which will be given to one or two projects covering maximum two years.

No overhead can be deducted from grants up to €30.000 included. For higher amounts, the overhead cannot exceed 15%.

Procedure

If interested, please submit an **online application** via the website of the King Baudouin Foundation <u>www.kbs-frb.be</u>. Applications should be submitted **in English** by 22/06/2020 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 Fund Steering Committee managed by the King Baudouin Foundation, which will make the final decision. The decision will be published in October 2020.

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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