

## Diabetes Liga Onderzoeksfonds

### CALL FOR PROJECTS 2021-2022

The Diabetes Liga Onderzoeksfonds (Diabetes Liga Research Fund) was created to support Diabetes related research in Flanders. The Fund is managed by the King Baudouin Foundation with the help of an expert jury and a Steering Committee. The Fund is launching a second call for research projects.

#### Subject of the call

The Fund welcomes diabetes research proposals that formulate a concrete and action-oriented answer to the following question:

#### **How to help people with diabetes accept their condition and gain the disease insights and skills needed to maintain or take control of their lives?**

In children, young adults and adults with diabetes, **acceptance** is key to managing their condition, incorporating self-management and avoiding chronic complications.

**Empowerment** ensures that patients are leading actors in their own disease process and treatment trajectory. Maintaining that self-management improves their well-being, adherence to treatment and outcomes. To achieve this, competences such as insight, health literacy and motivation must be strengthened.

#### **The research project should focus on strategies, programs and/or tools that contribute to better acceptance and increased self-management and that can be embedded in existing diabetes care.**

The project should not be all-encompassing, but may focus on specific skills and targets and/or on a specific target group.

The research project needs to offer concrete perspectives for implementation. The potential impact of the study on treatment/quality of care/quality of life has to be clearly demonstrated.

#### Selection criteria

##### Scientific quality of the project

- Rigour of the research design and methodology (including statistical methodology).
- Feasibility of the proposed study, including feasibility to complete the study by the end of 2025.
- Innovative character of the project
- Added-value of the research to existing knowledge/practices in Flanders
- The proposal includes an assessment of the necessity and relevance of the research question, including the patient perspective

##### Track record

- Track record and career potential of project leader (creativity, management skills, visibility etc...)
- Potential of the research team & collaborating teams: scientific environment, competence, experience, added value of the collaboration.

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### Dissemination of the study

- The proposal has to include a clear plan for the communication of the study results.
- If selected, the laureate must be prepared to communicate about his/her project via the various media channels of the Diabetes Liga.
- Plan of implementation & follow up of the research results.

### Involvement of stakeholders

- A list of key stakeholders and a clear description of how they will be involved in the research and how their expertise will be taken into account.

### Ethical issues

- A description of how ethical issues, if any, are taken into account. If Ethical Approval is required, this approval must be obtained before the project can start (but not before the introduction of the application).

### Budget

- Adequacy, transparency and full disclosure of the budget

### Eligible applicants

#### Organizations

The Diabetes Liga Onderzoeksfonds will only fund non-for-profit organizations in Flanders.

#### Project leader

- The call is open to researchers working in an academic centre, (university or general) hospital or in an institution with research activities in Flanders.
- The applicant should be formally supported by a head of department or by a confirmed researcher (e.g. with a PhD or clear research experience).
- Laureates of the call 2020 are not allowed to submit an application in this grant cycle 2021-2022.

#### Collaborations

- Collaborative projects are encouraged. Projects that involve collaboration between research teams outside Flanders, must be initiated and coordinated by a PI working at a Flemish centre/hospital.
- Interdisciplinarity and multicentricity are encouraged.  
*Interdisciplinarity*: projects that include a collaboration between different disciplines and professional perspectives  
*Multicentricity*: collaboration between different research centres (proof of collaboration regarding task allocation and content of the research, inclusion of patients and logistical cooperation should be demonstrated in the application).

#### Grant

- A total amount of € 250.000 is available to support max. 3 research projects. Indicative amount

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per project: € 80.000 to € 120.000

- The grant will only cover the activities of the Flemish research partners.
- Co-financing by other partners is encouraged but not compulsory.
- The grant can be used for all costs related to the project.
- The grant should enable researchers to initiate a new research project or continue an ongoing project.
- If any overhead should be taken, this can't exceed 15%.

### Procedure

If you are interested, please submit **an online application** via the website of the King Baudouin Foundation [www.kbs-frb.be](http://www.kbs-frb.be). Applications should be submitted **in English** by 13 January 2022 at midnight at the latest. Candidates will receive an acknowledgement of receipt.

### Selection

Applications will be submitted to an independent multidisciplinary expert jury. The jury will assess the projects and will draw up recommendations for the Fund Steering Committee, which will make the final decision.

The decision will be published in April 2022

### Contact

- For technical assistance during the application process:  
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*The organization has a network of 30.000 individuals. Persons with diabetes and their family, professionals in diabetes care and people with an increased diabetes risk.*