# Fund John W. Mouton Pro Retina Fund Marie-Claire Liénaert

## Clinical research in Ophthalmology Call for Projects 2021-2022

The Fund John W. Mouton Pro Retina and the Fund Claire Liénaert were created to support medical scientific research in ophthalmology. The Funds are managed by the King Baudouin Foundation with the help of an independent scientific jury and a management committee.

## Subject of the call

The Funds are launching a joint call for projects. The topic of this call is:

Research on the pathologies of the retina and/or the optic nerve, including inflammatory, vascular, genetic, degenerative as well as tumoral etiologies

### Selection criteria

## Scientific quality of the project

Quality of the research

- Design, including a timeline, statistics, sample calculation.
- Feasibility of the proposed study, including feasibility to complete the study within the proposed timing.
- Innovative approaches

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

- The project addresses clearly identified medical issues related to diseases of the eye
- 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, international visibility etc...
- Potential of the research team & collaborating teams: scientific environment, competence, experience, added-value from the collaboration.

### Potential impact

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

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## Dissemination & implementation of the research results

- The proposal has to include a clear plan for the communication, implementation and follow up of the research results

#### Involvement of stakeholders

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

#### **Budget**

Adequacy of the budget

#### **Ethical questions**

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 obtain ethical approval before the project can start (but not before the introduction of the application).

## Eligible applicants

- The call is open to researchers working in universities of research centres in Belgium.
- The funding should enable the researcher/research team to launch a new research line or to continue an existing research project.
- For-profit organizations (e.g. pharmaceutical companies) can be part of a research team but are excluded from funding.

#### Grant

- A total amount of € 120.000 is available for this call and can be used to (co-) finance
  1 or 2 excellent research projects.
- No overhead can be deducted from this grant. The amount awarded must go entirely to the researcher and his/her team.

#### **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 10 February 2022, midnight at the latest. Candidates will receive an acknowledgement of receipt.

#### Selection

Applications will be submitted to an independent international scientific 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 end of April 2022.

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