

Call for research projects 2022

The Fund for scientific research in rheumatology (FWRO-FRSR), managed by the King Baudouin Foundation, supports research on rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases.

Priority is given to clinical and multicentre programs.

The Fund launches a call every year.

Subject of the call:

The research should focus especially on clinical and multidisciplinary or multicentre programs, either in academic or non-academic Belgian institutions. Projects that are open to collaborations with other interested centres and which cannot easily be supported through other existing national or international programs are especially invited.

Seeding money for innovative translational or basic research can also be requested, in a preparative phase for more established funding opportunities.

Assessment criteria

1. Scientific quality of the project
2. Track record of the applicant
3. Potential of the research team: competence and experience
4. The added value of the research to existing knowledge
5. Quality of the design of the research
6. Adequacy of the budget
7. Clinical relevance: the project addresses clearly identified medical, allied health or psychosocial issues related to rheumatic diseases. The potential impact of the results on diagnosis/treatment/quality of care has to be clearly defined.

Eligible applicants

The call is open to all health professionals and researchers in Belgium with an interest in clinical or translational rheumatology research.

Trainees in rheumatology and young rheumatologists are particularly encouraged to submit an application. The application should be formally supported by a confirmed researcher (e.g. holds PhD or clear research experience).

Laureates of previous calls may reapply if they have submitted all activity reports related to the previous call(s) as required by the agreement.

Researchers should obtain Ethical Approval for the studies before the project can start (but not before the introduction of the application).

Grants

A total budget estimated at € 125.000 has been allocated to this call. Maximum 25% of this amount can be dedicated to translational research.

No overhead can be taken on grants until € 30.000. For higher amounts, the overhead can't exceed 15%.

Procedure

If interested, please submit an online application (preferably in English) via the website of the King Baudouin Foundation www.kbs-frb.be.

The applications should be submitted **for 22nd June 2022 at the latest**.

Candidates will receive confirmation that their application was received. The applications will be evaluated by an independent jury. The final selection will be made by the Fund Steering Group in September 2022.

Contact King Baudouin Foundation

- For technical assistance during applying:
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