



CANCER RESEARCH FOR MORE PATIENT VALUE

Transdisciplinary research on patient value in cancer research/ 2022

The Fund Cancer Research for More Patient Value was created to support research that is geared towards optimizing patient value in cancer research.

The Fund is managed by the King Baudouin Foundation with the help of the Fund's Steering Committee.

The Fund is launching its first activity: transdisciplinary research on patient value in cancer research.

WHAT IS THIS CALL ABOUT?

Background

The King Baudouin Foundation (KBF) organized a **future-oriented, strategic reflection on cancer research** in 2020 with the participation of a broad range of actors from **Belgian cancer research and European experts**. They concluded that cancer research currently leads to suboptimal patient value and elucidated the underlying dynamics. The participants also developed a **shared vision on future cancer research** that is oriented towards patient value. The shared vision builds awareness of the whole

cancer research system that includes contributions from public, academic, philanthropic and private actors, as well as patients and their representatives. This provides a **strong foundation for transitioning towards a future in which patients will benefit more** from the enormous resources that are mobilized to combat cancer.

More information on the strategic reflection can be found in this [brochure](#).

Aim

The KBF aims to contribute to the **orientation of cancer research towards patient value**. The following enabling conditions are put forward:

1. developing a **patient value stewardship program** in which actors in the cancer research system take responsibility and ownership of putting patient value in the focus of their research endeavours in a collective spirit, through collaboration, co-creation and learning together;
2. cultivating a **research-driven mindset** in cancer care settings that are viewed as integral part of the cancer research system
3. interacting continuously with **patients/patients representatives** and ensuring their **involvement throughout the entire project**.

To this end, the KBF aims to **support and facilitate a transdisciplinary research team**. Their work will be both reflection- and action-oriented. In other words, a **combination of thinking and hands-on work**.

- > The reflection-oriented work will focus on the conceptual development of 'patient value'. This requires going beyond specific disciplines.
- > The action-oriented work will focus on using 'patient value' in practice. This requires hands-on work in collaborative projects that are aligned with the established shared vision.

In this context, transdisciplinarity means going beyond academic silos, integrating different ways of knowing and generating knowledge, together with all stakeholders and with the constant participation of patients.

In addition, transdisciplinarity also means being comfortable with an open-ended research process characterized by uncertainty, change, non-knowing and keeping conclusions in suspension for longer than usual.

The KBF's intention is to organize a two-step selection process that brings together **4 to 5 persons coming from a range of backgrounds** into a transdisciplinary team. The team is expected to start in Q2 2023 and will be funded for a period of 2 years.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- > Persons (researchers, health professionals, patients, etc.) having **strong affinity with hands-on transdisciplinary research** and a willingness to be engaged in networking, communication and the organization of events.
- > Persons who are **open-minded, curious and with good spirit** to work in a transdisciplinary research setting. This also includes the maturity and willingness to work in multi-stakeholder environments, including with patients. The combination of reflection- and action-oriented research appeals to the candidate who is **willing to grow into the role of embedded researcher**.
- > Persons with a **research background**, including nursing, health economics, social sciences (participatory action-oriented research), psychology, medicine, etc. The KBF welcomes applications from persons with BSc, MSc, MD, PhD degrees.
- > Persons **working in a Belgian academic institute, university hospital or research centre**. The applicant must have the formal support of the head of the department and/or employer.
- > The transdisciplinary research on patient value in cancer research must be the **major project** for the applicant in terms of time and attention.
- > **Ideally**, the applicant has experience in collaborative research and has a connection with cancer, either as patient, friend, family member, social worker, etc.

HOW TO APPLY?

The KBF is organizing two online information sessions on this call for candidates to provide details and answer any questions. The information sessions will take place on **06/10/2022** and **18/10/2022** from 12:00 to 13:30. Please note that it is mandatory to register for the information sessions via the following links:

- > [Info session on 6th October](#)
- > [Info session on 18th October](#)

The KBF organizes a two-step selection process:

Step 1: Expression of interest

The expression of interest should be composed of a motivation letter and a curriculum vitae. The motivation letter should be kept concise (max 4 pages) and include:

1. you as a person and researcher
2. your motivation/enthusiasm for being part of the transdisciplinary team, how you see this transdisciplinary team take shape and your vision on patient value
3. your experience in collaborative research, working with patients and your relationship with cancer
4. your availability

The curriculum vitae is a one-pager including experience, publications, education, soft skills, etc.

Based on the expressions of interest, the Steering Committee of the Fund Cancer Research for More Patient Value will select max. 10 persons who will be invited for a 2-day workshop.

Step 2: Workshop and final interviews

The KBF will organize a 2-day workshop on (patient) value, the cancer research system and transdisciplinary work. The intention is to organize an immersive experience for the applicants selected in Step 1.

Following this workshop, the candidates will be invited to present an assignment during an interview. Either the transdisciplinary team has formed during the workshop based on self-selection, or the final selection will be made based on the interviews.

The final selection is made by the Steering Committee of the Fund Cancer Research for More Patient Value, managed by the King Baudouin Foundation.

The transdisciplinary team is expected to start in Q2 2023 for a period of 2 years.

If you are interested, please submit **an expression of interest** via e-mail to vanackere.l@kbs-frb.be. Expressions of interest should be submitted **in English** by **03/11/2022** at midnight at the latest. Candidates will receive an acknowledgement of receipt.

Check points to take part in the TD team

The KBF and the Steering Committee of the Fund will select the candidates based on the following guiding principles:

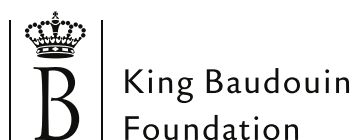
- > Candidate experience, soft skills and mindset are resonant with the transdisciplinary research approach that includes reflection-oriented and action-oriented work.
- > Aiming for synergy and diversity within the transdisciplinary team. This includes a broad range of research profiles.
- > The candidate's vision on what success would mean for this transdisciplinary research endeavour shows depth, is clear and reconciles ambition with concrete expectations.

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- > A budget to cover salary costs, research costs, logistic costs and training costs will be allocated to the transdisciplinary research project covering a maximum period of 2 years.
- > An additional budget is foreseen to cover ad hoc costs such as publications and communication about the results of the research.
- > No overhead can be deducted from this grant.

HOW TO CONTACT US?

- > For technical assistance during the application process:
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