

Fund Walter Pyleman Fund Cremers-Opdebeeck

Research on rare genetic neuromuscular disorders

The Fund Walter Pyleman and the Fund Cremers–Opdebeeck are managed by the King Baudouin Foundation with the help of a scientific jury and a management committee. In 2022-2023, both Funds are launching a joint call for high level research in the field of:

Rare genetic neuromuscular diseases

Rare as defined by the European Commission i.e. : a life-threatening or chronically debilitating disease affecting no more than 5 in 10,000 people in the European Union.

Genetic defined as: with a genetic component in the etiology

Potential research topics are, for example (no exhaustive list): *Duchenne/Becker Muscular Dystrophy, Myotonic dystrophy type 1 (Steinert's Disease), Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Congenital myasthenic syndrome, Congenital myopathy, Cramp fasciculation syndrome, Glycogen storage disease type II, Hereditary spastic paraplegia, Inclusion body myositis.*

The research can focus on the origins of the disease, incl. the genetic mechanisms, as well as on the clinical symptoms or on new treatments.

Selection criteria

Scientific quality of the project

Quality of the research

- Design, including a timeline, statistics, sample calculation, feasibility, potential etc.
- Innovative approaches

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

- The project addresses clearly identified medical, allied health or psychosocial issues related to rare genetic neuromuscular diseases

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.

Perspective of implementation of the results

- Communication & knowledge transfer steps
- Plan of implementation & follow up of the research results



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For translational/ clinical research

Potential impact

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

Involvement of stakeholders

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

Eligible applicants

The call is open to researchers or research teams within universities or research centres in Belgium. International collaboration is strongly encouraged and is a plus in the evaluation, but projects in collaboration with international research teams should be initiated or coordinated by a team based in Belgium.

Grants

A total of € 250,000 is available for this call. In the case of multiple high-level projects, this amount can be divided among up to 3 projects.

The support can be used for all expenditures related to the selected research project: salaries, equipment, materials and supplies...

If any overhead should be taken, this can't exceed 15% of this grant.

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 www.kbs-frb.be. The applications should be submitted by 01/12/2022 at the latest. Candidates will receive an acknowledgement of receipt.

Selection

Applications will be submitted to an independent scientific jury that will draw up recommendations. The final decision will be taken by the management committee end of February/beginning of March 2023.



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