

# Fund Marie-Thérèse De Lava & Fund Robert Schneider

## Grant to encourage geriatricians to develop their research career Research grant 2023

The Fund Marie Thérèse De Lava and the Fund Robert Schneider were created to support research in geriatric medicine, which plays an increasing role in health care.

Both Funds are launching a joint call to encourage high level researchers to develop their career by combining scientific research in geriatrics with clinical practice.

The support of the Funds will **enable geriatricians to develop their own research line and to anchor their longer-term research vision.**

**The research will focus on improving health, well-being and quality of life of older adults.**

### Eligible applicants<sup>1</sup>

- The call is open to assistant doctors (committed to a PhD program), after at least one year training as geriatrician and doctors within the 8 years after promotion (excluding career break(s)) as geriatrician who can convincingly show they envisage pursuing a career in geriatrics, either for a PhD or to continue research after a PhD.
- Applicants must be linked to a clinical position as geriatrician at a university hospital in Belgium.
- The hospitals and universities are expected to provide co-funding in the form of infrastructure facilities.
- The applicant is supported by a head of department of the hospital concerned.
- The project is initiated and coordinated in Belgium.

### Grant

- A financial support of maximum € 140.000, covering a period of 3 years, will be given to one applicant. An independent jury of experts will fix the amount based on a detailed and realistic budget.
- The support can be used to cover the costs of salary of the candidate to be released part time from clinical duties to undertake research, to increase the research team, a part of the support may cover travel for education purpose or the cost of equipment.
- The overhead cannot exceed 15%.

### Selection criteria

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

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<sup>1</sup> Assistant doctors and geriatricians need to fill the application, not the head of department



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- **Scientific quality of the project:**
  - Quality of the design and methodology of the research, including a timeline, statistics, sample calculation, feasibility, impact and potential.
  - Innovative character of the project.
- **Added-value**
  - of the research to existing knowledge
  - to address clearly identified medical, allied health or psychosocial issues related to older adults.
- **Societal impact of the research**
  - Potential of impact of the research for the quality of life of patients
  - Potential of impact (social, economic, quality of life, public health....) for citizens and/or professionals.
- **Perspective of implementation of the results**
  - Clear plan for the communication of the results and knowledge transfer steps.
  - Plan of implementation and follow-up of the research results.
- **Adequacy of the budget**
- **Ethical questions**
  - A description of how ethical issues are taken into account.
  - Researchers should obtain Ethical Approval for the studies before the project can start (but not before the introduction of the application).

## Procedure

Submit your **online application** via the website [www.kbs-frb.be](http://www.kbs-frb.be) of the King Baudouin Foundation.

The applications must be submitted in **English by 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023** at the latest.

Candidates will receive confirmation that their application was received.

## Selection

Applications will be submitted to an independent scientific jury. Preselected candidates may be invited for an interview with the Jury on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023** (precise timing to be confirmed subsequently) The final selection will be made by the Steering committee of the Funds. The decision will be published in November 2023.

## Contact King Baudouin Foundation

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