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## **JOINT CALL FOR RESEARCH ON CYSTIC FIBROSIS 2019 - 2020**

The Fund Alphonse and Jean Forton has been created to support research on cystic fibrosis and related diseases. It is managed by the King Baudouin Foundation with the help of an international scientific jury and a Steering Committee.

The Belgian Cystic Fibrosis Association is the patient organisation of and for people with cystic fibrosis and their families in Belgium. The Association supports activities aiming at empowering patients and their families, at improving quality of life and CF care and gives grants to researchers pursuing innovative research on the disease.

### **Call 2020**

**The Fund Alphonse and Jean Forton & the Belgian Cystic Fibrosis Association are launching a joint call for research projects on Cystic Fibrosis. Projects in basic, translational and clinical research are eligible for support as well as psychosocial research projects.**

Basic research includes, but is not limited to research on CFTR folding, trafficking and activity, cell physiology and ion transport, and model systems for CF.

Translational research includes, but is not limited to innovative therapeutic approaches targeting the basic defect, and new methods to fight antimicrobial resistance.

Clinical research concerns research directly related to CF treatment and care expected to directly or indirectly improve the quality of life and care of CF patients, for instance investigating methods to simplify the treatment burden of people with CF and research on debilitating gastrointestinal symptoms or CF-related diabetes.

Psychosocial research includes, but is not limited to research on coping mechanisms, the transition process, body image and ways to improve adherence.

Particular attention is given to innovative projects that make an obvious contribution to the wellbeing of patients with CF.

### **Assessment criteria**

1. Track record of the applicant
2. Potential of the research team: competence and experience
3. Quality of the research: design, including well defined work packages & milestones, sample calculation and statistics, feasibility of the research, expected implementation of the research outcomes etc.
4. Adequacy of the budget
5. Relevance/added-value of the research to existing knowledge/clinical practices:
  - the project addresses clearly identified gaps in our knowledge of the disease mechanisms of CF, or medical, allied health or psychosocial issues related to CF.



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- the potential impact of the results on diagnosis / prognosis / treatment / quality of care has to be clear
- A clear communication and knowledge transfer strategy towards all relevant stakeholders, including CF patients and their families, is defined.

### **Eligible applicants**

The call is open to researchers or research teams within universities or research centres in Belgium. Interdisciplinary and multi-centre research is encouraged (i.e. with proof of collaboration between researchers from different disciplines and centres regarding the content of the research, inclusion of patients and logistic cooperation).

Collaboration with international research teams is possible, but there must be a strong and evident Belgian contribution, i.e. realization of a well-developed work package by an autonomous functioning Belgian team.

Laureates from previous calls are kindly invited to reapply.

For-profit organizations (e.g. pharmaceutical companies) can be part of a research team but are excluded from funding.

### **Grants**

For this joint call, a total budget of € 1.500.000 has been made available.

Budget basic research projects: a maximum amount of 200.000 € can be requested for a single-centre project. For a multi-centre project, the maximum amount that can be requested is € 275.000.

Budget clinical, translational and psychosocial research projects: a maximum amount of € 150.000 can be requested for a single-centre project. For a multi-centre project, the maximum amount that can be requested is € 225.000

Budget restrictions: in the case of purchase/leasing of hardware and technical installations, the grant will only cover a maximum of 50% of the required budget for this specific item.

Concerning the salaries of PhD's and/or postdocs, the generally applicable wage scales will be followed.

Overhead: no overhead can be deducted from grants up to € 30.000 included. For higher amounts, the overhead cannot exceed 15%.

The grant covers a research period of maximum 3 years.

### **Follow-up of selected projects**

The laureates commit to sending 2 intermediary, yearly reports on the ongoing research, as well as a final activity and financial report.

### **Procedure**

The applications must be submitted online by **January 28<sup>th</sup> 2020** at the latest via the website of the King Baudouin Foundation [www.kbs-frb.be](http://www.kbs-frb.be).

Candidates will receive confirmation that their application was received.



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The applications will be evaluated by an independent jury composed by experts from different domains (scientists, clinicians, allied health professionals, patient representatives...). Eligible applicants will be invited for an interview with the members of the jury in May 2020.

The final selection will be made by the joint Steering Committees of the Fund Alphonse and Jean Forton & of the Cystic Fibrosis Association in June 2020. All parties will be informed of the decision by the end of June 2020 at the latest.

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## King Baudouin Foundation

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We benefit from the free services of 2,155 experts in our steering groups, advisory committees, management committees and independent juries. Their generous efforts ensure that the right choices are made on an independent, pluralistic basis.

The Foundation was set up in 1976 on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of King Baudouin's reign.

## Belgian Cystic Fibrosis Association

### For a better and longer life for people with CF and their families

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