



General regulation

Mandates for Fundamental oncology research

- Purpose of the mandate

The purpose of this call is to support young researchers in carrying out a fundamental cancer research project, by granting them a **full-time postdoctoral mandate of up to four years maximum**. This mandate (non-renewable) aims to serve as a stepping-stone in the researcher's career in order to obtain a permanent academic position within a Belgian university.

- Terms and conditions

At the time of application submission, the candidate must hold a **PhD** issued by a university institution and must be **younger than 40 years old** at the moment of the onset of the postdoctoral mandate. He or she must conduct the research in a Belgian university laboratory, under the supervision of a tenured promoter from that university.

The application form must be written in English and according to the Foundation against Cancer's application rules.

- Selection criteria

The fundamental research project proposed by the candidate within the frame of this mandate must contribute to a better understanding of cancer, with the prospect of possible long-term improvements in prevention, diagnosis or treatment.

The main criteria for evaluating applications will be:

- For the candidate:
 - Publications
 - Professional expertise
 - Role of the applicant in the development of the project
- For the project:
 - Innovation
 - Feasibility
 - Scientific quality



- **Financing & term of office**

The postdoctoral mandate awarded by the Foundation against Cancer is intended for a maximum **duration of 4 years** and is not renewable. It cannot be combined with grants from other funding organizations. If selected, an applicant who has applied also to other organizations for the same period or overlapping period must make a choice and communicate his decision as soon as possible to the Foundation against Cancer. Funding by the Foundation against Cancer cannot be postponed and cannot be shared with another funding agency during the period concerned. A new application may be submitted later, according to the schedule of calls set by the Foundation against Cancer.

The maximum funding for a postdoctoral fellowship in fundamental research is **€ 100,000 per year** and can only cover the full-time salary costs normally covered by the employing organization in charge of managing the staff of the laureate's host laboratory.

The mandates will begin in **October 2021**.

- **Mid-term evaluation**

Postdoctoral mandates in fundamental research are granted for 4 years. At mid-term, an interim scientific report needs to be sent to the Foundation against Cancer and will be submitted to the fundamental research Scientific Council. Funding for the next 2 years require a favorable evaluation of this scientific report. Evaluations may include on-site visits.

- **Submission procedure and selection of candidates**

Round 1: The application form must be completed online via the CC Tracker platform:
<https://grants.cancer.be>.

The deadline for submitting applications is **March 25, 2021 at 1 PM**.

After validation of the application, the Scientific Council will evaluate the application based on the different above-mentioned criteria and will select candidates for Round 2.

Round 2: Retained candidates will be invited to defend their project at the Foundation's headquarters on **June 10, 2021**. This oral presentation, with data-projection, will be in English, will not exceed 15 minutes and will be followed by a discussion with members of the Scientific Council.

The selected candidates will be proposed by the Scientific Council to the Board of Directors of the Foundation against Cancer for final decision of funding.

The results will be communicated to the candidates in **July 2021**.



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- Number of mandates available for the year 2021

A maximum of 10 mandates will be granted.