

Belgium

Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)

Applicants will be advised to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application.

Who can apply?

Applications for FWO research projects can be submitted by supervisors who meet at least one of the following criteria:

1° an Independent Academic Staff (ZAP) member with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university;

2° an Independent Academic Staff member with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and whose main task is research;

3° an Independent Academic Staff member with an appointment of 5% at a Flemish university and with an appointment as (assistant) clinical head or an equal function in a university hospital;

4° an academic staff member with an appointment at the Evangelical Protestant Faculty in Leuven and the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels;

5° a research director of the FWO;

6° a designated beneficiary of an ERC Starting Grant, an ERC Advanced Grant or an Odysseus II grant, with a Flemish university as a host institution.

If not at least one of these requirements for the supervisor is met with at the time of the application, the applicant needs to prove that this will be the case at the start of the agreement.

All co-supervisors of the project have to be researchers of at least postdoctoral level. Co-supervisors have to be affiliated to a Flemish university, or a Flemish research institution, or a Flemish university hospital, or the Transnational University Limburg, or the Evangelical Protestant Faculty in Leuven, or the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels, or a federal scientific institution where the co-supervisor belongs to the Dutch-speaking community. (Foreign researchers can participate as co-supervisor in the project without FWO funding, provided the collaboration is relevant for the project).

If several universities are involved in the project, at least the supervisor or one co-supervisor shall meet the requirements set out in §1, 1°, 2°, 3°, and hold an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project applied for.

What types of costs are eligible for funding?

I Direct costs

For an ERA-NET project, the FWO may grant funds for staff, consumables and equipment.

The following costs can be charged to the awarded staff and consumables funding, provided they are specified in the original application:

- a. staff costs of scientific or technical employees;
- b. normal consumables required for the execution of the project;
- c. fees for job students, pollsters and expenses resulting from the invitation of a guest researcher in the research department;
- d. small equipment of less than €20.000 per unit, required for the project;
- e. fees for student stays and participation in conferences abroad provided they are in line with the awarded research project;
- f. access to and dissemination of research results;
- g. travel costs in Belgium.

Supervisors and co-supervisors are not allowed any remuneration or accumulation with a remuneration under an FWO project, unless an exception is granted by the administrative bodies.

II. Indirect Costs: Overheads

FWO will pay to the host institution overhead costs for the administration of the project. This amounts stands apart from the research budget of maximum €200.000 for a project of 30 months.

Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single Joint Call

None, except for the items in the FWO regulation on research projects.

Upper funding limit

The Research Foundation – Flanders intends to fund, per topic, the highest ranked project with a participation of researchers that requested FWO-funding. The FWO will therefore fund a maximum of four projects.

Upper funding limit per project: **200.000 EUR/project/max. 30 months**

Further information relevant to NATIONAL applicants

For the FWO regulation on research projects, see: <http://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/research-projects/research-project/regulations-for-research-projects/> .

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