Improving the quality of care and the quality of life of patients with Multiple Sclerosis and their relatives

Call for research projects 2026

The Funds Claire Fauconnier and Ginette Kryksztein were created to support multiple sclerosis research (MS).
The two Funds are managed by the King Baudouin Foundation with the help of a Steering Committee.

Subject of the call 2026
The Funds Claire Fauconnier and Ginette Kryksztein are launching a joint call for projects.
The topic of this call is:

"Improving the quality of care and the quality of life of patients with Multiple Sclerosis and their relatives"

It aims to improve the daily lives of patients and their relatives, by alleviating the physical and psychological disturbances due to MS or by preventing its potential physical and psychosocial consequences.

Eligible applicants

Organization
The Foundation will only fund not-for-profit organizations.

Main applicant
- The call is open to researchers of health care teams and organizations based in Belgium. Their activities should be centred on the care of patients suffering from MS and their relatives (medical, social, psychological care, etc.).
- The applicant should formally be supported by the head of department or by a confirmed researcher.
- For candidates who are not comfortable with completing project's calls, it is recommended to seek the support of someone with experience
- The project is initiated and coordinated in Belgium.

Collaboration
- Collaborative projects are encouraged. Projects that involve collaboration between research teams internationally must be initiated and coordinated by the team based in Belgium.

Selection criteria

Quality of the research
- Design, including at timeline, sample calculation, feasibility, potential, etc.
- Innovative approach.

Relevance/added-value of the research to existing knowledge
- The project addresses clearly identified medical, allied health of psychosocial issues related to multiple sclerosis.
- The proposal includes an assessment of the necessity and relevance of the research question by patients or patients representatives.

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

Potential impact
- of the research for the patients, especially their quality of life, and for their family;
- of the results on diagnosis, treatment, quality of care and quality of life of the patients and/or their family.

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

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

Adequacy of the budget
Ethical questions & Clinical trials
- Are there any related to the research and how the applicant intends to take this into account?
- when the research includes clinical trials, the project description must include a declaration that the trial will be conducted according to international GCP quality standard of the ICH. Researchers should obtain Ethical Approval for the studies before the project can start. (but not before the introduction of the application).

Grant

Amount, duration and allocation
- A total amount of **€ 180.000** is available to support maximum two research projects for a period of two years.
- In case of insufficient high-quality projects, the jury and the Steering Committee reserve the right not to spend the full amount available.
- The grant will be made available in instalments conditional upon approval of the activity reports.
- The main applicant may be invited to present the final activity report to the jury and fund steering committee upon conclusion of the grant.

Overhead

No overhead can be deducted from grants up to € 50.000 included. For higher amounts, the overhead cannot exceed 17% .

Procedure

If you are interested, please submit an **online application** via the website of the King Baudouin Foundation www.kbs-frb.be. Applications should be submitted **in English** by **08/12/2026** at midnight at the latest. Candidates will receive an acknowledgement of receipt.

Selection

Applications will be submitted to an independent scientific jury.
The jury will assess the projects and will draw up recommendations for the Funds' Steering Committee, which will make the final decision. The decision will be published on the website of the King Baudouin Foundation in April 2027.

Contact

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