

# FRFS-WELBIO CALL FOR PROJECTS 2019 MINI GUIDE

French version: [click here](#).

## 1. SCHEDULE

**Opening** of the call on the web-based application of the F.R.S.-FNRS [SEMAPHORE](#) for the online submission: **TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**.

INSTRUMENT <sup>1</sup>		FRFS-WELBIO CALL FOR PROJECTS 2019		
		DEADLINE <sup>2</sup> TO ACCESS THE ELECTRONIC FORM	DEADLINE <sup>2</sup> FOR THE ELECTRONIC VALIDATION	
			PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (PI)	RECTOR
Starting grant	SGR	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March At 2 p.m.	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March At 2 p.m.	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March At 2 p.m.
Advanced grant	AGR			
Continuation grant	CGR			

## 2. SCOPE OF THE FRFS-WELBIO CALL FOR PROJECTS

The Fund for Strategic Fundamental Research (FRFS) is an Associated Fund of the F.R.S.-FNRS which funds the fundamental research of excellence in strategic axis, within the framework of a mission assigned by the Walloon region.

The FRFS-WELBIO is the FRFS strategic axis in life sciences.

The Governing Board of the virtual Walloon institute of fundamental research of excellence in life sciences (WELBIO asbl) constitutes the animation and valorisation platform (PAVA) of the FRFS-WELBIO.

WELBIO aims at supporting fundamental research by promoting research projects rigorously selected among the universities of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation in order to translate scientific achievements in medical, pharmaceutical and veterinary biotechnology applications. The Walloon Government has guaranteed the FRFS-WELBIO significant resources for several years to support senior researchers who are proposing excellent scientific research projects with an undeniable valorisation potential.

## 3. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSTRUMENTS

The FRFS-WELBIO Call for projects enables to apply for funding through 3 instruments:

- Starting grant (SGR),
- Advanced grant (AGR),
- Continuation grant (CGR).

FRFS-WELBIO research projects are for 4 years divided in 2 periods of 2 years. Funding of the second

<sup>1</sup> See section "Characteristics of the instruments"

<sup>2</sup> All times are Brussels local time.

period should be allocated within the limits of the FRFS-WELBIO financial resources available and is subject to the assessment of a mid-term scientific report.

- An application via the SGR<sup>3</sup> instrument enables to apply for funding of a maximum of € 200k per year.
- An application via the AGR<sup>4</sup> instrument enables to apply for funding of a maximum of € 350k per year.
- A CGR<sup>5</sup> should pursue the running of the initial grant, i.e., either a Starting grant or an Advanced grant continuation. An application via the CGR instrument enables to apply for funding equivalent to the initial instrument (SGR or AGR).

## 4. PROCEDURE AND EVALUATION CRITERIA (EX-ANTE EVALUATION)

---

The evaluation and the selection of projects submitted under FRFS-WELBIO Call for projects follow several steps under the responsibility of the Scientific Commission. The procedure includes a priority ranking which is submitted to the Board of Trustees (BoT) of the FRFS and the Governing Board of WELBIO asbl. The FRFS BoT should decide on the granting or rejection after the Governing Board of WELBIO asbl has acknowledged the proposals.

The evaluation criteria are the following: the quality of the applicant; the quality of the project; the focus on valorisation and relevance to the objectives of the WELBIO strategic axis.

For researchers who have already benefited from a funding from a previous call for projects, concrete actions toward a potential valorisation of the results will also be assessed.

Appendix 2 of the FRFS-WELBIO Call for projects 2019 [Rules and regulations](#) details the evaluation procedure.

## 5. OPEN ACCESS POLICY

---

The Board of Trustees of the F.R.S.-FNRS has decided to endorse the principle of Open access to publicly funded research. This support has led to the implementation of an institutional mandate providing Open access to publications from F.R.S.-FNRS funded research projects and researchers under the “Open Access Green Road” business model.

Pursuant to the “[Rules and regulations](#) on the application of the Open Access policy to scientific publications resulting from research programmes supported by the F.R.S.-FNRS and its associated funds”, any scientific publication resulting partially or fully from the funding granted through the call for projects FRFS-WELBIO instrument shall mention the source of this funding as follows:

*This work was supported by the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS for the FRFS-WELBIO under Grant(s) n° (agreement number).*

PIs, WELBIO researchers, F.R.S.-FNRS researchers / members of the university should mention their double affiliation in each of their publications or communications.

## 6. RESULTS VALORISATION

---

WELBIO asbl ensures, with assistance from the experts, the follow-up of the research in progress, maintenance of confidentiality, detection of results with a valorisation potential, and adherence to

---

<sup>3</sup> The PI applicant to the SGR instrument will be holding a Ph.D. obtained after defending a thesis and awarded by an academic institution for 12 years maximum. This period shall expire on the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors). The maximum period is extended for one year per childbirth occurring after obtaining the Ph.D. and defending a thesis

<sup>4</sup> The AGR instrument is only applicable to experienced researchers.

<sup>5</sup> The CGR is only applicable to WELBIO researchers whose initial FRFS-WELBIO project terminates on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2019, should the researcher still meet the eligibility criteria as referred to in article 5 of the FRFS-WELBIO Call for projects 2019 Rules and Regulations.

the necessary publication constraints regarding the protection of intellectual property, i.e., the outcome of research work.

Intellectual property of the results from the research conducted within the framework of the research agreement is the exclusive property of the university of the French-Speaking Community of Belgium.

The valorisation of intellectual property is the responsibility of WELBIO asbl, which performs this task through a valorisation committee, including the university of the French-speaking Community of Belgium, a representative from the university's Technology Transfer Office, the PI and WELBIO asbl.

The valorisation Committee may invite external people, subject to signature of a confidentiality agreement.

**ALL DOCUMENTS, GUIDES AND REGULATIONS AND PRIVACY POLICY ARE AVAILABLE AT <http://www.fnrs.be/index.php/appels-reglements> AND <http://www.fnrs.be/en/index.php/privacy-policy>**

