Guide for Applicants

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FOREWORD

THE FUND FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH - FNRS

The mission of the FNRS aims at promoting free (fundamental) scientific research within the French-speaking Community of Belgium (CFB) through its grant allocation process for researchers and institutions (mostly CFB universities).

In order to fulfil such a mission, the FNRS has set up funding instruments, which are subject to calls for proposals occurring at different times of the year. The granting depends on a peer review of the quality of the proposal and is based on scientific excellence.

THE CALLS FOR PROPOSALS OF THE FNRS AND THE MATERIAL

The material related to the calls for proposals includes:

• the regulations, which include the conditions for the calls and the functioning modalities in case of granting;

• the guide for applicants, which describes the general principles of the calls and the functioning of each instrument;

• the guide for reviewers, which specifies the rules that shall apply for the evaluation of the proposals and the characteristics of each instrument to experts who take part in the two ex-ante evaluation steps;

• the evaluation guide, which presents the rules for the evaluation, selection and granting procedures.

The regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the FNRS constitute the reference framework for the calls. Thus, they are the only documents that bind the FNRS. All the calls for proposals are announced on the FNRS website, where the related documents can also be found.

OBJECT OF THE GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS

The guide for applicants provides the general goals of the calls for proposals and gives the information required from applicants for each instrument and the way each section of the proposal will be used within the evaluation procedure.

The guide for applicants is divided into three main parts:

• The first part specifies the general conditions applicable to any instrument.

• The second part presents each instrument with its specific conditions.

• The third part includes the appendices and contains the reference material.

In order to understand the FNRS evaluation procedure in detail, starting from the experts’ selection process to the decision of granting, applicants can consult the evaluation guide, which is also available on the website.


1 In order for the document to be easier to read, the Fund for Scientific Research - FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS) is afterwards shortened to FNRS.

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1.1 THE FNRS & ITS FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS

1.1.1 THE FNRS INSTRUMENTS AND THE BOTTOM-UP APPROACH

The FNRS funding instruments are divided into 4 types:
- the “researcher” instruments that fund researchers at four different levels of expertise;
- the “project” instruments that fund individual or collaborative research based on the researchers’ initiative;
- the “capacity” instruments that focus particularly on research infrastructures;
- the “life of research” instruments, intended for scientific dissemination and for researchers’ punctual needs such as mobility, congresses, etc.

These instruments are developed according to a bottom-up approach: researchers are free to suggest the research theme to develop, within the research institution that agrees to host them. This type of research is funded by the FNRS, and specifically by the FRFC in the case of a collaborative research for instance.

In some cases, however, such free choice and decision can be made with regard to a great theme – the so-called “strategic research”– considered as being important for the society, and for which the FNRS receives a budget.

This complementary approach was introduced in the early history of the FNRS, upon request of the State, thus giving birth to strategic funds associated to the FNRS and dedicated to the funding of collaborative projects in nuclear (IISN) or medical (FRSM) sciences and to the funding of Ph.D. students in industrial or agricultural sciences (FRIA), for instance.

1.1.2 CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

The three major FNRS calls occurring over the year include 3 major types of instruments:
- the “Grants and Fellowships” call (open in December): instruments that fund researchers at four different levels of expertise;
- the “Credits and Projects” call (open in spring): instruments that fund individual or collaborative research based on the researchers’ initiative;
- The “Large Equipments” call: instruments that focus on research infrastructures and the like.

The FNRS assesses the proposals in order to identify those whose quality is high enough to benefit from a possible financial allotment.

1.1.3 PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

Any information that the applicant provides is likely to be stored in one or several files. The FNRS is the controller responsible for data processing.

The data will solely be used to manage and optimise the relation between the FNRS and the applicant, and to fulfil the resulting legal obligations. The FNRS can also use those data (encrypted in this case) for statistical analyses, with the aim of improving its funding instruments.
After identifying her/himself, anyone who provided the FNRS with such data can request to see their personal data as recorded by the FNRS. If the data are false, incomplete or not (no longer) relevant, one may require her/his data to be corrected or deleted. Anyone who wishes to exercise this right shall send a written request by mail or email (privacy@frs-fnrs.be).

Anyone who seeks complementary information about the way the FNRS processes data may read the Privacy Policy of the Fund or contact its data protection officer at privacy@frs-fnrs.be.

1.2 SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL

The elements (submission tools, material, news related to a call, etc.) necessary in order to submit a proposal in response to a call can be found on https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/reglements-guides.

Applications can be submitted either in French or in English and online only on E-SPACE, the management platform dedicated to calls for proposals.

Moreover, applicants may withdraw their proposal at any time. No amendment or correction to the proposal will be accepted after the validation deadlines set for the applicant.

In case of publication accepted after the validation deadline set for the applicant, applicants applying under Grants and Fellowships Call may add them to their application file until 1st of May via a dedicated page at https://e-space.frs-fnrs.be, as a follow-up of their application file.

Postdoctoral applicants (CR, CQ, SPD or MISU) who would be awarded a “Seal of Excellence Certificate” after the validation deadline fixed for the postdoctoral applicant may add this piece of information until 1st of May on a dedicated page at https://e-space.frs-fnrs.be, as a follow-up of their application file.

1.2.1 ONLINE SUBMISSION: E-SPACE, THE WEB-BASED APPLICATION

In order to use remote reviewers (particularly outside Belgium), the FNRS chose to encourage submissions using E-SPACE, the web-based application, available for each person involved in a proposal: applicant(s), validating person(s), referees, reviewers and the FNRS administrative staff.

Data collection into a dedicated database also enables the achievement of global statistical analyses on closed calls, and consequently, the assessment of funding instruments in order to improve them and meet the needs of the society in terms of accountability (annual statistics, parliamentary questions, etc.).
1.3 THE CONTENT OF A PROPOSAL

The proposal can be written either in French or in English. The chosen language will be taken into account for the selection of the experts who will assess the proposal remotely.

However, the title and the summary of the scientific part must always be written in both languages.

It is recommended to applicants who wish to have their application file assessed by Scientific Commissions dedicated to SEN (Exact and Natural Sciences) and SVS (Health and Life Sciences) domains, as well as the Scientific Commission SHS-2, to submit their application in English3.

The F.R.S.-FNRS insists on strict compliance with the instructions given for each part of the proposal (scientific section relevant to the instrument selected, number of pages allowed for documents to be enclosed with the application form...) and stresses again the sovereign consideration of the Scientific Commissions assessing the application file.

1.3.1 GENERAL STRUCTURE

Whatever the instrument, the proposal always consists of three major sections:
• the administrative section, which enables to verify the eligibility and to collect data about the applicant(s);
• the scientific section, which embodies the proposal itself and whose content depends on the instrument;
• any administrative appendices, necessary for the file processing but not for the evaluation.

The details about the content to provide in the administrative section and appendices are to be found on E-SPACE.

Unless there is a noteworthy element in the administrative parts, the present guide will only describe the content of the scientific section for each instrument.

The scientific section includes the title, the summary, the descriptors of the research area (descriptor fields and unrestricted keywords), the description of the project (variable content depending on the instrument), and any possible appendices.

1.3.2 ETHICAL ASPECTS

Many projects require prior consideration of ethical problems that might arise or that are inherent to the submitted research project. The ethical aspects of a proposal must be described in the scientific section by the applicant in the application form. The way the ethical problems related to the project are handled will be considered in the frame of the scientific evaluation of the proposal.

The possible ethical problems related to research may relate to the use and storage of private data, the handling of substances that may cause environmental or biodiversity damage and the research on animals or human beings, for instance (non-exhaustive list).

As from 2018, in order to reduce the Ethics Committees workload and to make the administrative procedures more flexible for applicants, the researchers concerned by

3 Should the application file be submitted in French, the F.R.S.-FNRS may require the applicant to provide a translation in English for the purpose of conducting the ex-ante evaluation.
ethical questions will be required to submit their questionnaire as well as the opinion of the Ethics Committee to the FNRS only in case the submitted grant is awarded. Granting will be subject to a favourable opinion of the Committee.

In all cases and regardless of their scientific field, researchers are expected to observe the Ethics Code for Scientific Research in Belgium, which is supported by the Science Policy PPS, which is a joint initiative of the Académie Royale des Sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux Arts de Belgique, the Académie Royale de Médecine de Belgique, the Koninklijke Vlaamse Academie van België voor Wetenschappen en Kunsten and the Koninklijke Academie voor Geneeskunde van België. The Code was published in autumn 2009.

1.3.3 LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

The list of publications and possible patents represents the scientific work of the applicant(s), and thus is an important part of the entire proposal, which will be taken into account during the evaluation procedure.

Unless explicitly mentioned in the specific conditions of a given instrument, only published or accepted publications will be considered.

The list of publications is structured as follows and in reverse chronological order:

1. published works, as an author, a co-author or a publisher (every co-author takes part in the whole work);
2. book chapters or participation to a collective book, as an author or a co-author of the section;
3. articles published in peer-review journals or equivalent category (to be justified) in the relevant field;
4. articles published in conference proceedings;
5. oral presentations during conferences, which include a review committee. Posters are allowed for a doctoral fellowship (Research Fellow, Special Doctoral Grant, Medical Doctor Applicant to a MSc and a Ph.D., Clinical Master Specialist Applicant to a Ph.D., and Veterinary MD. Ph.D. Student) or for a Postdoctoral Researcher fellowship;
6. patents.

For each category, the bibliographical information will appear according to the CFB's institutional repositories order. If the list is created manually, it must keep the following order:

- works: author(s), title of the work, edition, city, year, ISBN number, number of pages;
- book chapters: author(s), title of the chapter, title of the work, publisher(s), edition, city, year, ISBN number, pages;
- articles: author(s), title of the article, title of the journal or proceedings, year, volume, number (if applicable), pages;
- oral presentations and posters: author(s), title of the paper, conference, year, city, country;

4 Applicants holding the academic degree of Doctor, who have been working for 2 years at least in institutions of the French-speaking community of Belgium that have set up an institutional repository (IR) must absolutely submit their publications list in a PDF format, directly created from this repository, and choose the appropriate F.R.S.-FNRS format.

In case of publication accepted after the validation deadline set for the applicant, applicants applying under Grants and Fellowships Call may add them to their application file by 1st May via a dedicated page at https://e-space.fr-s-fnrs.be, as a follow-up of their application file.

5 The submitted publications shall not be included in the publications list.
• patents: inventor(s), title of the invention, publication number, year when the patent was registered, term of the patent, countries covered.

In an article or book chapter, the pages are indicated in the form of “starting page – ending page”. If the journal does not use volumes or publication numbers, this information shall be replaced by the publication date.

Whatever the proposal, there is no need for the publications lists to be exhaustive. The applicants are free to choose the publications they believe they could serve their proposal at best (within the framework described above).

Any relevant element which is not included in those lists may be mentioned in the comment area provided for such purpose.

Applicants shall provide their bibliometric data (total number of publications, total number of citations, H-index and the average number of citations) as well as the source of these bibliometric indicators. The Scientific Commissions will not base their opinion solely on those pieces of information, but will use them among other elements. Applicants shall also indicate in their proposal if such information is irrelevant or does not exist in certain scientific fields.
1.3.4 SUMMARY SHEET OF THE PROPOSAL

Any proposal contains a summary that includes the identifiers of the proposal as well as a short description of the scientific project. Unlike other personal or administrative information and description of the project, the elements included in the summary sheet are not confidential.

The basic administrative identifiers of the proposal are the following:

• the unique number of the proposal, attributed either by E-SPACE or the administrative staff of the FNRS;
• the name(s) of the applicant(s) and of the possible promoter ("researcher" instruments).

The scientific proposal is summarised in 3 elements:

• the title of the proposal, in French and in English, (max. 200 characters each, including spaces);
• the summary linked to the proposal, in French and in English, (max. 2,000 characters each, including spaces);
• the descriptors linked to the proposal (see Appendix).

Aims of the summary sheet and the descriptors:

The title and summary of the research project must be not only understandable to non-experts, but also precise and explicit enough so that step 1 possible reviewers who receive a summary sheet from the FNRS are able to assess whether they are competent to evaluate the project.

As for the descriptors linked to the proposal, they play two roles. The first one is occasional and the other one has a long-term purpose:

• within the framework of the evaluation, they allow a first aggregation of proposals. Each aggregate is related to a group of experts, among which an initial selection of possible experts will be made for the evaluation of a proposal linked to the very same aggregate;
• on the long term, these descriptor aggregates and the descriptors themselves enable the FNRS to carry out statistical researches on sets of calls and to monitor developments in terms of needs or research themes within the CFB, so as to better anticipate researchers’ needs and to offer adjustments for funding mechanisms, if necessary.

These descriptors, which are the backbone of the FNRS scientific information system, will also be used to structure the information about the proposals funded by the FNRS, when the access will be posted on the website in the form of a searchable database, instead of annually updated lists. They will also be used within the framework of reports to the Government on research expenses in given fields.
Descriptors related to the proposal and selected by the applicant:

It is mandatory to choose 2 descriptors (at least 1 descriptor field must be relevant to the Scientific Commission selected by the applicant) when submitting the proposal on E-SPACE (cf. Chapter 1.4).

The suggested descriptors which are used to define a proposal (see Appendix 2) are the panels and descriptor fields used by the ERC’s (European Research Council), and to which some particular FNRS keywords have been added in order to describe the specificities of research in human and social sciences carried out within the CFB more precisely.

The choice of experts in step 1 is based on the entire project and not solely on the descriptors. However, the selected descriptors enable applicants to highlight the aspects of their project they wish will be particularly taken into account. These aspects can further be completed with unrestricted keywords.

The descriptors used by the FNRS seek to describe the fields of the investigated knowledge and not the activities of the academic departments, which fall within the competence of the universities and their establishment strategy.

When selecting descriptors, particularly for ERC descriptor fields, applicants must select those which best define the research project, regardless of the academic structure to which they are attached (institution, name of the research center or the department, etc.). Therefore, a researcher attached to a given research department has indeed – depending on the content of the project, her/his possible collaborations outside the department and her/his strategy – a large choice of “research” descriptors, which best define the project and the reviewers wished in step 1.

For instance, a researcher from a mathematics department, who submits a project on a modelling applied to the economy, may choose SH1_3 or PE1_17 and SH1_7, or even only descriptors in human and social sciences, depending on the type of experts s/he considers as relevant for the project.
1.4 EX-ANTE EVALUATION PROCESS

Common principles to the functioning of the FNRS calls for proposals evaluation are the following:

• for each new funding, the proposals undergo a two-step evaluation procedure (except for some instruments⁶);
• the extensive resort to reviewers who do not belong to the CFB;
• evaluation criteria known to the applicants during the preparation step of their proposal;
• a final evaluation report sent to the applicants and to their possible promoter, containing the notification of the Board of Trustees’ decision;
• the publication of the names of the members of the Scientific Commissions.

The detailed description of the whole FNRS evaluation procedure is the subject of the guide of the evaluation procedures, which is a specific document that can be consulted by any applicant. Therefore, this chapter includes exclusively elements that are essential to the applicants when preparing their proposal.

The preparation of the proposal by the applicant:

The applicant makes a certain number of choices that do have an impact on the evaluation procedure of the project:

• by choosing the language of the proposal (French or English), the applicant targets the choice of individual reviewers towards those who can read this language;
• through the descriptors and the summary of the project, the applicant guides the FNRS in the selection of individual reviewers;
• if necessary, the applicant indicates up to 3 experts s/he does not wish to have as reviewers and justifies her/himself;
• the applicant chooses the Scientific Commission that will be in charge of finalising the evaluation of the proposal.

Scientific Commission and descriptor fields selected by the applicant:

First, applicants choose the Scientific Commission. It is recommended to applicants who wish to have their application file assessed by Scientific Commissions dedicated to SEN (Exact and Natural Sciences) and SVS (Health and Life Sciences) domains, as well as the Scientific Commission SHS-2, to submit their application in English⁷.

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⁶ For instruments whose purpose is the training of young researchers who seek to obtain a doctoral thesis, the use of individual reviewers (step 1) does not apply. Indeed, for these instruments, the proposal is assigned to two “rapporteurs”, both members of the Scientific Commission chosen by the applicant.

Moreover, for instruments which are not related to calls for proposals or in case of a request for the renewal of a proposal that has already been reviewed in a previous meeting, the Board of Trustees of the FNRS bases the funding decision on opinions, which recommend or not the continuation of the funding for a new period. Depending on the instruments, the said opinions can come from academic authorities, a dedicated Commission, etc.

⁷ Should the application file be submitted in French, the FNRS may require the applicant to provide a translation in English for the purpose of conducting the ex-ante evaluation.
Then, applicants select from 2 to 6 descriptor fields in order of relevance (at least 2 descriptor fields⁸ must be relevant to the Scientific Commission of their choice) and, they may complete their choice with unrestricted keywords, if necessary.

For the choice of a Scientific Commission, applicants should consider the various Scientific Commissions as a whole and to make a choice, taking into account all the fields covered by the desired Scientific Commission.

Receiving the proposals by the FNRS:
The administrative staff of the FNRS ensures compliance with the closing date and hour indicated in the call and verifies the eligibility of the proposal for the selected instrument.

To be evaluated, the proposals must meet the eligibility criteria. If it clearly appears before, during, or after the evaluation step that a proposal does not meet one or several of those criteria, the FNRS will consider it as ineligible and will retrieve it from the evaluation process. The FNRS will then notify the applicants.

Contacting referees⁹:
For instruments that involve referees in order for them to give an opinion on certain qualities of the applicant, applicants shall contact the reference persons prior to mentioning their contact details in the application form if they want to make sure that their referees are willing to provide a reference letter as part of their application.

After submission of the application file, the FNRS will contact the reference persons referred in the application form notifying them of the information they should provide, and a reminder will be sent to each referee in due course. No information will be communicated to the applicant on the receipt of the letters to ensure confidentiality.

1.5 FUNDING DECISION AND FINALISATION

The funding decision (granting or rejection) is within the competence of the Board of Trustees of the FNRS.

Funding decision:
At the end of the evaluation, the decision on the funding will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the FNRS, depending on the available budget, and on the basis of the final grading and final consolidated reports elaborated by each Scientific Commission. The Board of Trustees decides on the granting or rejection, as well as on the granted amounts, if necessary.

Communication to the applicants:
The administrative staff of the FNRS informs the applicant(s) about the funding decision for their proposal. Within 15 days following the Board of Trustees meeting (the month is specified

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⁸ If applicants select only one descriptor field relevant to the Scientific Commission selected, they shall justify the selection of the Scientific Commission in the application form.

Applicants who select the Scientific Commission FORESIGHT, dedicated to research projects relating to sustainable development (covering Nature Sciences, Applied Sciences, Human and Social Sciences), must demonstrate the “sustainable development” part of their research project, including interdisciplinary aspects (max. 2,000 characters, including spaces).

⁹ Opinion letters from promoters as well as from referees are confidential and are intended to be for the use of members of the Scientific Commissions only.
in the mini-guide of the concerned call), the administration transfers to the applicant(s), and to the promoter(s) if applicable:

- the final evaluation report, and
- the evaluation reports by the first-step individual experts on an anonymous basis.
2. THE “GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS” CALL

Object of the call and the instruments:
The “researcher” instruments are part of the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers. They enable the researchers to be funded through fellowships, in the form of grants (doctoral researchers), fixed-term fellowships (postdoctoral researchers) or open-ended fellowships (experienced researchers).

There is a possibility to renew or extend some of these fellowships. Given that the applicants have already received a positive evaluation for the allotment of a first fellowship, the procedures for the second evaluation are lighter and are mainly related to the extension opportunity.

The guide presents the access conditions to benefit from a financial allotment. In addition to the details on some of these conditions (the reference decree, for instance), the rules and regulations provide information on the nature, the allocation and the duration of the fellowship; the rights and obligations of the holders of a fellowship; the financial and social provisions.

2.1 THE RESEARCHERS INSTRUMENTS: COMMON CONDITIONS

Whatever the funding instrument and the available tool for the applicant, there are elements which are common to the “researcher” instruments, especially when considering the three main instruments: the Research Fellow fellowship (doctoral level), the Postdoctoral Researcher fellowship (postdoctoral level) and the Research Associate fellowship (experienced researcher level).

2.1.1 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (MAIN INSTRUMENTS)

For the three main fellowships (Research Fellow, Postdoctoral Researcher, and Research Associate), the eligibility criteria are based on the number of years following the graduation and giving access to the instrument (date of reference):

- for Research Fellow applicants: see key dates of the call under section 2.2.1.,
- for Postdoctoral Researcher or Research Associate applicants: see key dates of the call under section 2.3.1.

Year extension possibility: an additional year per childbirth or adoption.

2.1.2 CONDITIONS CONCERNING THE APPLICANT

Application restrictive rules:
An applicant may not apply more than 3 times for the same fellowship, and may only submit a single application per instrument and per call. It is however possible to apply for different fellowships through different instruments.

2.1.3 VALIDATION OF THE PROPOSAL

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10 The date of reference is the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors).
Applicants shall not submit a proposal alone. In order to apply, applicants must have the authorisation of the institution where they wish to carry out the research programme is required and, in most cases, the support of a promoter is required.

**Promoter:**
Except for applicants to a Senior Research Associate, a Research Director fellowship or an establishment in the CFB (Ulysse Incentive Grant for Mobility in Scientific Research), applicants carry on their research work under the supervision of a promoter in a university of the CFB.

The promoter shall meet the following conditions altogether:

- To be permanently appointed\(^\text{11}\) to an academic or scientific position or on probation in that university.

- This appointment must have a final and conclusive assent from the competent body to legitimize this appointment in accordance with the Law or the university regulations by the time of the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors) at the latest.

- This academic or scientific position must be effective by the time of the starting date of the fellowship, i.e., by the 1\(^{st}\) of October at the latest, the year of the Grants and Fellowships Call concerned.

If the promoter - of a fellowship applicant- who is appointed permanently and accesses pension / becomes professor emeritus after the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors) and before the end of the granting scheme in case of granting, the submission of the application shall be subject to the prior approval of the Head of institution where the research will be carried out\(^\text{12}\).

The promoter permanently appointed who will access pension / become professor emeritus by the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors) is no longer eligible.

A proposal is necessarily linked to an academic institution. In that sense, the term “promoter” is used in its broadest acceptation. This underlies that a young researcher must have a host institution and a direct supervisor (and a postdoctoral co-promoter if any). More broadly, a promoter is a reference person involved in a proposal, e.g. the director of a research group joined by a more experienced researcher.

If doctoral researchers wish to conduct part of their research works in a state scientific institution, their supervisor in this institution can be a co-promoter only. In addition to their attachment to a CFB university, doctoral researchers may be co-supervised in another research institution.

**Validation process\(^\text{13}\):**
The applicant must validate the proposal and then have it validated by the possible promoter who marks her/his commitment to the project by confirming the accuracy of the

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\(^{11}\) Research logisticians of rank A, as defined by the Royal Decree of 31\(^{st}\) October 1953 fixing 'le statut des agrégés, des répétiteurs et des membres du personnel scientifique des universités de l’État', are not eligible as promoters of doctoral fellowships.

For the postdoctoral fellowships, does not include logisticians.

\(^{12}\) This rule does not apply for promoters of an applicant applying for a Research Associate fellowship.

\(^{13}\) For Research Fellow applicants, Special Doctoral Grant, Medical Doctor Applicants to an MSc and a Ph.D., Clinical Master Specialist Applicants to a Ph.D., Veterinary MD Ph.D. students, Postdoctoral Researchers, Post-doctorate Clinical Master Specialist and Research Associates, an opinion letter will be requested from the promoter when validating on E-SPACE.
The validation by the competent academic authorities constitutes the last step of the procedure. The whole procedure must be completed by the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors), as planned for the given instrument.

### 2.1.4 TYPICAL CONTENT OF A “RESEARCHER” PROPOSAL

The aim of a “researcher” instrument is to fund a person: the main subject of the selection is the researcher herself/himself whose skills, necessary to accomplish a research project, are assessed. This specific attention to the quality of the researcher is highly emphasised for an applicant to the position of Postdoctoral Researcher whose research topic could evolve throughout her/his career.

#### The 3-dimensional frame of proposals:

For each instrument (except for those enabling an extension of the ongoing fellowship), the content of a proposal shall provide the reviewer with the means to evaluate the potential of an applicant, based on three frames:

- **the applicant:** factual elements demonstrating her/his qualities, past achievements and if necessary, referees’ letters. A particular attention is paid to the scientific material, embodied by publications.
- **the research project:** expression of the creativity, the robustness of the methodological approach and the position of the applicant among the scientific community related to her/his field. The project is divided in different parts as presented hereunder.
- **the research environment** (included in the **scientific section**): intellectual, human, equipment, collaborative networks... resources at the disposal of the researcher in order to carry out the project. The adequacy between the resources and the project submitted will be assessed.

These elements are adjusted and balanced depending on the goals of each instrument.

The ULYSSE Incentive Grant for Mobility in Scientific Research has a slightly different structure, given its specific goals (team).

#### The applicant:

For all the instruments, the evaluation of an applicant is based notably on the academic background (training), previous achievements, the career path, peer reviews (reference letters, honours, awards...). The requested elements depend mainly on the level of the fellowship and on the instrument (see below).

The types of publications by the applicant (published or accepted) that can be attached to a proposal and the required structure for the publication lists are presented in Chapter 1.3.3.

#### The project:

The project includes a title and a summary, which must be provided both in French and in English, regardless of the language chosen for the proposal. They shall contain respectively 200 and 2,000 characters maximum (including spaces), in each language.

The project (maximum 4 pages\(^{14}\)) shall be written in one language only and described in a document that includes the reference bibliography (maximum 1 page), classified according to the order of appearance in the text and divided into 4 parts:

\(^{14}\) In order to reduce applicants’ workload when writing their proposal, MR and DR applicants to the promotion at hand will have to provide a description of their research orientation for the next 5 to
• goals of the research
• state of the art
• research project
• work plan (to be described for the whole duration of the fellowship and as for experienced researcher positions a 5-year description is required)
This document can be completed with 2 additional pages (maximum) containing graphs and tables.

The research environment:
The content (1 page maximum) varies depending on the nature of the project, the research field and the nature of the fellowship.

10 years (in 2 pages max.), instead of a comprehensive 4-page description of their research project as formerly required.
2.2 DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS

Goals of the instruments:
The purpose of these fellowships is the training of young researchers who wish to obtain a doctoral thesis.

Five instruments intended for doctoral researchers are available within the framework of the “Grants and Fellowships” call:

• the fellowship for Research Fellows, a full-time research grant intended for young researchers (all fields);
• the part-time fellowship for Medical Doctor Applicants to a MSc and a Ph.D., intended for clinical doctors;
• the part-time fellowship for Clinical Master Specialist Applicants to a Ph.D., intended for accredited medical specialists;
• the part-time fellowship for Veterinary MD. Ph.D. Students, intended for veterinary doctors;
• the Special Doctoral Grant intended for secondary education teachers who need to devote one year to research, on a full-time basis, in order to finalise their Ph.D. (all fields).

General eligibility criteria:
Applicants to a doctoral fellowship must hold a 2nd cycle degree which allows them to access doctoral studies.

Specific remarks:
For any applicant to a Doctoral Researcher instrument:

• The applicant’s ranking established by the faculty which has awarded the eligible Master degree required as part of the application will also be considered for the evaluation. Applicants are required to complete the ad hoc document in order to upload it after the applications validation deadline on a dedicated page at https://e-space.frs-fnrs.be by 1st May of the year of the considered Grants and Fellowships Call, at the latest, as a follow-up to their application file.

• The result of the Master thesis, if available at the latest by the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors), will be communicated to the Scientific Commission.

General Regulation on fellowships:
Doctoral researchers’ fellowships are linked to a 3rd cycle university training provided by doctoral schools. All doctoral applicants must thus pertain to a doctoral school.

The doctoral schools of the CFB depend upon the FNRS and are listed on the website, at: https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/financements/chercheur-doctorant/ecoles-doctorales.
2.2.1 KEY DATES OF THE CALL 2021 FOR DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS

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2.2.2 FELLOWSHIP FOR RESEARCH FELLOWS (FULL-TIME)

Operational conditions of the fellowship:
The Research Fellow fellowship aims at the completion of a Ph.D. within 4 years. The fellowship appears in the form of a 2-year grant, which may be renewed for maximum 2 more years, subject to the approval of the authorised academic body.

The doctor who is granted with a Research Fellow fellowship shall decide to suspend a complementary Master degree/medical specialisation during the whole duration of the fellowship.

Holders of a Research Fellow fellowship receive an operating credit under the responsibility of their promoter, which enables them to conduct their research.

2.2.2.1 Research Fellow (ASP - Aspirant), initial term: 2 years

For all ASP applications: Specific appendices

Key dates of the call 2021: see page 20

Eligibility criteria:
An applicant to a Research Fellow fellowship (ASP - Aspirant) must hold a 2nd cycle degree (Master’s) for maximum 3 years (for no more than the duration of the specialisation for doctors and veterinarian applicants who have been undertaking a medical or veterinary

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specialty training\(^{16}\), by the validation deadline fixed for the rector of the host university at the latest.

Students enrolled in a Belgian university, in their (Master’s) graduation year giving access to doctoral studies, may also submit an application file, provided that the graduation date is prior to the starting date of the requested fellowship (1\(^{st}\) October of the year of the considered Grants and Fellowships Call).

**Year extension possibility:** an additional year per childbirth or adoption.

**Application restrictive rules:**
Applicants who have already benefited from a Research Fellow fellowship (ASP), whatever its duration, are no longer allowed to apply for another Research Fellow fellowship (ASP).

A Research Fellow fellowship has a maximum duration of 48 months. Applicants who received a FRIA/FRESH grant for instance cannot benefit from the maximum duration possible under a FNRS fellowship as it is deducted from the funded period of the FRIA/FRESH grant.

**Submission procedure:**
The application for an ASP fellowship can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.

**Content and evaluation of the proposal:**
The content is structured around 3 parts relevant to the “researcher” instruments. Each category is assigned a weight in order to calculate the overall grade of the proposal:
- quality of the applicant (60%): academic CV, promoter’s opinion (creativity, intellectual abilities, etc.);
- quality of the project (25%): feasibility, methodology, originality, potential impact;
- research environment (15%).

The detail of the information required from applicants is available on E-SPACE.

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2.2.2.2  Research Fellow renewal
(ASP-REN - Aspirant renouvellement): maximum 2 years

For all ASP-REN applications: **Specific appendices**

**Key dates of the call 2021:** see page 20

**Submission procedure:**
The application for a renewal must be submitted during the second year of the first fellowship. The FNRS will give the relevant researchers access to the online form on E-SPACE.

The application for an ASP-REN fellowship can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.

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\(^{16}\) Applicants in this situation are required to enclose to their application file a registration document concerning the specialty in question by the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors).
An opinion document attached to the application must be completed by the Supervisory Panel (Thesis Advisory Committee). Once completed and signed, the document must be sent to the research unit of the CFB institution (or Board of Education) in order to be signed by the academic authorities. The latter will send the document to the FNRS by 31st May of the year of the considered Grants and Fellowships Call, at the latest.

**Evaluation of the proposal:**
The evaluation of the Research Fellow fellowship renewal (ASP-REN) application is based on the attached document, in which the academic body expresses its opinion on the feasibility of the project and confirms that the thesis should be defended by the end of the fellowship. When the CFB university takes the ultimate decision for the applicant not to further continue doctoral studies and when the Rector notifies the FNRS in writing, the Research Fellow fellowship will expire at the end of the ongoing fellowship.

2.2.3 **PART-TIME FELLOWSHIPS FOR CLINICAL DOCTORS**

This category is restricted to clinical doctors who wish to dedicate themselves to fundamental research while pursuing a part-time hospital activity.

The promoter of an applicant to a Medical Doctor Applicants to an MSc and a Ph.D. (CSD – Candidat spécialiste doctorant) or a Clinical Master Specialist Applicants to a Ph.D. (SD – Spécialiste doctorant) fellowships shall be appointed in a CFB university which has a faculty of medicine offering a complete curriculum.

**Operational conditions of the fellowship:**
Clinical doctors keep on receiving their hospital salary (full-time position). The FNRS transfers a (capped) compensation directly to the hospital employing the clinical doctor, as a reimbursement for the clinical activities that are not performed during the time dedicated to research.

Holders of a CSD (Medical Doctor Applicants to an MSc and a Ph.D.) or SD (Clinical Master Specialist Applicants to a Ph.D.) fellowship must be enrolled in the Graduate School in clinical and experimental medicine pertained to the Graduate College in medical sciences attached to the FNRS at the latest on 1st October of the year when the fellowship is granted and shall start.

2.2.3.1 Medical Doctor Applicant to an MSc and a Ph.D. (CSD - Candidat spécialiste doctorant), initial term: 2 years

For all CSD applications: [Specific appendices](#)

**Key dates of the call 2021:** see page 20

**Characteristics of the fellowship:**
This fellowship is intended for doctors in order to carry out a Ph.D. in Medical Sciences or Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences and complete an Advanced Master’s degree simultaneously.

The duration of this fellowship is 2 years maximum with the possibility to renew it three times (equivalent to a maximum duration of 8 years).
A part-time fellowship for Medical Doctor Applicants to an MSc and a Ph.D. (CSD – Candidat spécialiste doctorant) can begin anytime during the specialisation but shall end at the latest 4 years after the end of the specialisation.

Eligibility criteria:
The applicant to a CSD fellowship must hold the academic degree of medical doctor at the latest on 1st October of the year when the fellowship is granted and shall start.

Submission procedure:
The application for a CSD fellowship can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.

Content and evaluation of the proposal:
The content is structured around 3 parts relevant to the “researcher” instruments. Each category is assigned a weight in order to calculate the overall grade of the proposal:

• quality of the applicant (60%): academic CV, promoter’s opinion (creativity, intellectual abilities, etc.);
• quality of the project (25%): feasibility, methodology, originality, potential impact;
• research environment (15%).

The detail of the information required from applicants is available on E-SPACE.

2.2.3.2 Medical Doctor Applicant to an MSc and a Ph.D. renewal (CSD-REN - Candidat spécialiste doctorant renouvellement):
2-year fellowship renewable twice

For all CSD-REN applications: Specific appendices

Key dates of the call 2021: see page 20

Submission procedure:
The application for a renewal must be submitted during the second year of the first fellowship. The FNRS will give the relevant researchers access to the online form on E-SPACE.

The application for a CSD-REN fellowship can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.

An opinion document attached to the application must be completed by the Supervisory Panel (Thesis Advisory Committee). Once completed and signed, the document must be sent to the research unit of the French-speaking Community institution (or Board of Education) in order to be signed by the academic authorities. The latter will send the document to the FNRS by 31st May of the year of the considered Grants and Fellowships Call, at the latest.

Evaluation of the proposal:
The evaluation of the Medical Doctor Applicant to an MSc and a Ph.D. renewal (CSD-REN) application is based on the attached document, in which the academic body expresses its opinion on the feasibility of the project and confirms that the thesis should be defended by the end of the fellowship.
2.2.3.3 Fellowship for Clinical Master Specialist Applicant to a Ph.D. 
( SD - Spécialiste doctorant), initial term: 2 years

For all SD applications: Specific appendices

Key dates of the call 2021: see page 20

Characteristics of the fellowship:
The fellowship is intended for accredited medical specialists in order to carry out a Ph.D. in Medical Sciences or Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences. The duration of this part-time fellowship is 2 years maximum, with the possibility to renew it once (equivalent to a maximum duration of 4 years).

Eligibility criteria:
The SD fellowship is opened to applicants holding the academic degree of Doctor and who have a medical specialisation degree, at the latest on 1st October of the year when the fellowship is granted and shall start.

Specific application rule:
Applicant to a SD fellowship must have received the accreditation of medical specialist from one of the three Communities responsible for accreditation for maximum 3 years. This period expires on 1st October of the year when the fellowship is granted and shall start.

Year extension possibility: an additional year per childbirth or adoption.

Submission procedure:
The application for a SD fellowship can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.

Content and evaluation of the proposal:
The content is structured around 3 parts relevant to the “researcher” instruments. Each category is assigned a weight in order to calculate the overall grade of the proposal:
• quality of the applicant (60%): academic CV, promoter's opinion (creativity, intellectual abilities, etc.);
• quality of the project (25%): feasibility, methodology, originality, potential impact;
• research environment (15%).
The detail of the information required from the applicants is available on E-SPACE.

2.2.3.4 Clinical Master Specialist Applicant to a Ph.D. renewal 
( SD-REN - Spécialiste doctorant renouvellement): maximum 2 years

For all SD-REN applications: Specific appendices

Key dates of the call 2021: see page 20

Submission procedure:
The application for a renewal must be submitted during the second year of the first fellowship. The FNRS will give the relevant researchers access to the online form on E-SPACE. The application for a SD-REN fellowship can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.
An opinion document attached to the application must be completed by the Supervisory Panel (Thesis Advisory Committee). Once completed and signed, the document must be sent to the research unit of the CFB institution (or Board of Education) in order to be signed by the academic authorities. The latter will send the document to the FNRS by 31st May of the year of the considered Grants and Fellowships Call, at the latest.

**Evaluation of the proposal:**
The evaluation of the Clinical Master Specialist Applicant to a Ph.D. renewal (SD-REN) application is based on the attached document, in which the academic body expresses its opinion on the feasibility of the project and confirms that the thesis should be defended by the end of the fellowship.

### 2.2.4 PART-TIME VETERINARY MD. PH.D. STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

This category is restricted to veterinary doctors in the course of a clinical specialisation in order to enable them to prepare and present a doctoral thesis, while pursuing a part-time activity, within the framework of their clinical training.

**Operational conditions of the fellowship:**
Clinicians keep on receiving their hospital salary (full-time position). The FNRS transfers a (capped) compensation directly to the university to which they are attached, as a reimbursement for the clinical activities that are not performed during the time dedicated to research.

This part-time research fellowship is applicable for 2 years maximum, renewable once (equivalent to a maximum duration of 4 years).

Applicants who receive a VETE-CCD fellowship must be enrolled in the Doctoral School in veterinary sciences attached to the FNRS at the latest by the time of the granting.

#### 2.2.4.1 Veterinary MD. Ph.D. Student

(VETE-CCD - Vétérinaire Clinicien-Chercheur Doctorant), initial term: 2 years

For all VETE-CCD applications: **Specific appendices**

**Key dates of the call 2021:** see page 20

**Eligibility criteria:**
In addition to general criteria applicable to doctoral fellowships, the following criteria are specific to the VETE-CCD:

- Hold the academic degree of Veterinary Doctor,
- Be less than 35 years old by the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors) to validate the application,
- Have been involved for at least 2 years in a “Residency training programme” (including internship) approved by the European bodies (European Colleges recognised by the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation), by 1st October of the year during which the fellowship is granted and should start, at the latest.

**Submission procedure:**
The application for a VETE-CCD fellowship can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.
Content and evaluation of the proposal:  
The content is structured around 3 parts relevant to the “researcher” instruments. Each category is assigned a weight in order to calculate the overall grade of the proposal:  
  • quality of the applicant (60%): academic CV, promoter’s opinion (creativity, intellectual abilities, etc.);  
  • quality of the project (25%): feasibility, methodology, originality, potential impact;  
  • research environment (15%).  
The detail of the information required from the applicants is available on E-SPACE.

2.2.4.2 Veterinary MD. Ph.D. Student renewal  
(VETE-CCD-REN - Vétérinaire Clinicien-Chercheur Doctorant renouvellement):  
maximum 2 years

For all VETE-CCD-REN applications: Specific appendices

Key dates of the call 2021: see page 20

Submission procedure:  
The application for a renewal must be submitted during the second year of the first fellowship. The FNRS will give the relevant researchers access to the online form on E-SPACE.  
The application for a VETE-CCD-REN fellowship can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.  
An opinion document attached to the application must be completed by the Supervisory Panel (Thesis Advisory Committee). Once completed and signed, the document must be sent to the research unit of the CFB institution (or Board of Education) in order to be signed by the academic authorities. The latter will send the document to the FNRS by 31st May of the year of the considered Grants and Fellowships Call, at the latest.

Evaluation of the proposal:  
The evaluation of the Veterinary MD. Ph.D. Student renewal Veterinary MD. Ph.D. Student renewal (VETE-CCD-REN) application is based on the attached document, in which the academic body expresses its opinion on the feasibility of the project and confirms that the thesis should be defended by the end of the fellowship.

2.2.5 SPECIAL DOCTORAL GRANT FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION TEACHERS (1 YEAR)

Special Doctoral Grants (BSD) are intended for university graduates of the French-speaking Community of Belgium (CFB), teaching in secondary education, benefiting from employment stability and who may be granted a special leave without pay for one year, with the assurance that they will get their position back at the end of that leave, to enable them to complete a research work to obtain a degree of Doctor in a CFB university.

2.2.5.1 Special Doctoral Grant for secondary education teachers (1 year)  
(BSD - Bourse spéciale de doctorat)

For all BSD applications: Specific appendices

Key dates of the call 2021: see page 20
Eligibility criteria:
In addition to general criteria applicable to doctoral fellowships, the following criteria are specific to the Special Doctoral Grant fellowship (BSD – Bourse spéciale de doctorat):

- to be at least 28 years old on the starting date of the grant;
- to be 45 years old maximum on the starting date of the grant;
- to enjoy a stable employment and to be able to obtain a non-active status with the certainty to get the teaching position back.

Application restrictive rule:
Applicants who have already benefited from a BSD fellowship, whatever its duration, may not apply for another BSD fellowship.

Operational conditions of the fellowship:
The duration of the BSD fellowship is one year. It begins on 1st September of the granting year and ends on 31st August of the following year.

Submission procedure:
Applicants to a BSD fellowship must submit an access request to the FNRS by sending an email to bourses-mandats@frs-fnrs.be, add “Appel BSD 2021” in the subject line and attach the following documents:

- a curriculum vitae, highlighting the position as a secondary education teacher with a complete timetable. The CV must also include the date of birth, the degrees obtained, the career path, as well as the information on the doctoral thesis (starting date, CFB university and promoter);
- a certification, which grants a non-active status and is issued by the institution where the applicant holds a teacher’s position.

The application for a BSD fellowship can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.

An opinion document attached to the application must be completed by the Supervisory Panel (Thesis Advisory Committee). This document must be duly completed and signed and sent to the research unit of the CFB institution (Board of Education) in order to be signed by the academic authorities. The latter must send the document to the FNRS by 31st May of the year of the Grants and Fellowships Call concerned at the latest.

The applicant must provide a statement by her/his promoter, in which the latter:

- takes the scientific responsibility for the research work;
- sponsors the applicant within the Faculty where s/he wishes to present the Ph.D.;
- certifies that the work has progressed enough and can be therefore achieved within a year, on a full-time basis;
- attests that the applicant will not be able to successfully complete the research if s/he is not relieved from her/his duties.

The appendices must be sent to the FNRS by the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors) at the latest.

Content of the proposal:
The information required from the applicants is related mainly to their background and their thesis project, including the work plan and the project progress.

Evaluation of the proposal:
The evaluation of each BSD fellowship application is based on the attached document, in which the academic body expresses its opinion on the feasibility of the project and confirms that the thesis should be defended by the end of the grant.
2.3 POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS

Goals of the instruments:
These fellowships are intended for researchers holding the academic degree of Doctor (with thesis) in order to further develop their research experience.

Within the framework of the “researcher” call, two instruments are available for postdoctoral researchers:

- the fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers, which is a full-time research fellowship (all fields);
- the fellowship for Post-doctorate Clinical Master Specialists, which is a part-time research fellowship intended for accredited specialists.

2.3.1 KEY DATES OF THE CALL 2021 FOR POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS

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2.3.2 POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER (FULL-TIME)

Operational conditions of the fellowship:
The duration of the Postdoctoral Researcher fellowship (CR – Chargé de recherches) is 3 years. Any Postdoctoral Researcher has the possibility to spend 3 years of the fellowship out of a 6-year cycle to carry out a postdoctoral research outside the CFB, provided that they find an external funding.

Postdoctoral Researchers benefit from an operating credit, which enables them to conduct their research.

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2.3.2.1 Postdoctoral Researcher\textsuperscript{18} 
(CR - Chargé de recherches): 3 years

For all CR applications: \textit{Specific appendices}

\textbf{Key dates of the call 2021:} see page 29

\textbf{Eligibility criteria:} 
Applicants to a Postdoctoral Researcher fellowship (CR - Chargé de recherches) must meet one of the two following conditions:

\begin{itemize}
  \item to hold a doctoral degree (Ph.D.) for maximum 5 years by the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors) at the latest
  \item or
  \item to hold this degree at the latest by 1\textsuperscript{st} May of the year of the considered Grants and Fellowships Call (in such case the applicant must upload a sworn statement in the application file).
\end{itemize}

\textbf{Year extension possibility:} an additional year per childbirth or adoption.

\textbf{Application restrictive rule:} 
Applicants who have already benefited from a CR fellowship, whatever its duration, shall not apply for another CR fellowship.

\textbf{Submission procedure:} 
The application for a CR fellowship can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.

\textbf{Content and evaluation of the proposal:} 
The content is structured around 3 parts relevant to the “researcher” instruments. Each category is assigned a weight in order to calculate the overall grade of the proposal:

\begin{itemize}
  \item quality of the applicant (40%): number and quality of the publications (journals, citations, etc.) promoter’s opinion (creativity, intellectual abilities, independency, etc.), awards;
  \item quality of the project (40%): feasibility, methodology, originality, potential impact;
  \item research environment (20%).
\end{itemize}
The detail of the information required from the applicants is available on E-SPACE.

\subsection*{2.3.3 PART-TIME POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FOR CLINICAL DOCTORS}

This category is restricted to Postdoctoral accredited specialist clinical doctors who wish to dedicate themselves to fundamental research while pursuing a part-time hospital activity.

The promoter of the applicant to a part-time Post-doctorate Clinical Master Specialist (SPD) fellowship shall be appointed in a CFB university which has a faculty of medicine offering a complete curriculum.

\textbf{Operational conditions of the fellowship:}

\textsuperscript{18} Applicants to a Postdoctoral Research fellowship who are planning one or several research stays will be required to provide a letter of approval or email exchanges which demonstrate that formalities are being processed.
Clinical doctors keep on receiving their hospital salary (full-time position); the FNRS transfers a (capped) compensation directly to the hospital employing the clinical doctor, as a reimbursement for the clinical activities that are not performed during the time dedicated to research.

The part-time SPD fellowship consists of a 6-year probation period divided in three 2-year fellowships followed by 4-year fellowships that can be renewed without limits. As from the first 4-year renewal, the name of the fellowship becomes Clinical Researcher (CCL – Chercheur Clinicien).

### Evolution of career and scientific evaluation cycles

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*In case the fellowship holder switches to another hospital, service or research topic during the fellowship, he must inform the F.R.S.-FNRS who will re-evaluate the file.

2.3.3.1 Fellowship for Post-doctorate Clinical Master Specialists (SPD – Spécialiste postdoctorant), initial term: 2 years

For all SPD applications: [Specific appendices](#)

**Key dates of the call 2021:** see page 29

**Eligibility criteria:**

Applicants for a fellowship for Post-doctorate Clinical Master Specialists (SPD – Spécialiste postdoctorant) must meet the 2 following conditions:

- to hold the academic degree of medical specialist,
- to hold a doctoral degree (Ph.D.) for maximum 5 years by the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors) at the latest, or
- to hold this degree at the latest by 1st May of the year of the considered Grants and Fellowships Call (in such case the applicant must upload a [sworn statement](#) in the application file).

**Year extension possibility:** an additional year per childbirth or adoption.

**Submission procedure:**
The application for a SPD fellowship can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.

**Content and evaluation of the proposal:**
The content is structured around 3 parts specific to the “researcher” instruments. Each category is assigned a weight in order to calculate the overall grade of the proposal:

- **quality of the applicant (40%):** number and quality of the publications (journals, citations, etc.), promoter’s opinion (creativity, intellectual abilities, independency, etc.), awards;
- **quality of the project (40%):** feasibility, methodology, originality, potential impact;
- **research environment (20%).**

The detail of the information required from the applicants is available on E-SPACE.

### 2.3.3.2 Post-doctorate Clinical Master Specialist Renewal Fellowship
(SPD-REN - Spécialiste postdoctorant renouvellement):

2-year fellowship renewable once

For all SPD-REN applications: [Specific appendices](#)

**Key dates of the call 2021:** see page 29

**Submission procedure:**
The FNRS will give the relevant researchers access to the online form on E-SPACE.

The application for a Fellowship for Post-doctorate Clinical Master Specialists renewal (SPD-REN - Spécialiste postdoctorant renouvellement) can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.

**Evaluation of the proposal:**
The first renewal of the Post-doctorate Clinical Master Specialist fellowship shall be requested during the second year of the fellowship and simply upon request by the applicant.

The second renewal will be assessed by the relevant Scientific Commission.

**Content and evaluation of the proposal of the second renewal:**
The content is structured around 3 parts specific to the “researcher” instruments. Each category is assigned a weight in order to calculate the overall grade of the proposal:

- **quality of the applicant (40%):** number and quality of the publications (journals, citations, etc.), promoter’s opinion (creativity, intellectual abilities, independency, etc.), awards;
- **quality of the project (40%):** feasibility, methodology, originality, potential impact;
- **research environment (20%).**

The detail of the information required from the applicants is available on E-SPACE.

### 2.3.3.3 Clinical Researcher
(CCL - Clinicien chercheur):

4-year fellowship renewable without limits

For all CCL applications: [Specific appendices](#)

**Key dates of the call 2021:** see page 29
Submission procedure:
The FNRS will give the relevant researchers access to the online form on E-SPACE.

The application for a Fellowship for Clinical Researcher (CCL - Clinicien chercheur) can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant's validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.

Evaluation of the proposal:
The fellowship will be assessed by the relevant Scientific Commission.

Content and evaluation of the proposal of the second renewal:
The content is structured around 3 parts specific to the "researcher" instruments. Each category is assigned a weight in order to calculate the overall grade of the proposal:

• quality of the applicant (40%): number and quality of the publications (journals, citations, etc.) promoter's opinion (creativity, intellectual abilities, independency, etc.), awards;
• quality of the project (40%): feasibility, methodology, originality, potential impact;
• research environment (20%).

The detail of the information required from the applicants is available on E-SPACE.
2.4 EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS

The fellowship for experienced researchers is an instrument enabling to dedicate oneself to research. This open-ended fellowship includes 3 levels:

• the fellowship for Research Associate (CQ – Chercheur qualifié);
• the fellowship for Senior Research Associate (MR – Maître de recherches), a promotion of the CQ fellowship based on merit;
• the fellowship for Research Director (DR – Directeur de recherches), a promotion of the MR fellowship based on merit.

2.4.1 FELLOWSHIP FOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

For all CQ applications: Specific appendices

Key dates of the call 2021: see page 29

Eligibility criteria:
Applicants for a Research Associate fellowship (CQ – Chercheur qualifié) must hold the academic degree of Doctor, obtained after the defence of a thesis, and issued by an academic institution for maximum 10 years by the validation deadline fixed for the academic authorities (rectors) at the latest.

Year extension possibility: an additional year per childbirth or adoption.

Application restrictive rule:
Applicants who would have previously resigned from a Research Associate fellowship (CQ) shall not apply for a new fellowship.

Operational condition of the fellowship:
Research Associates benefit from an operating credit during the first 3 years of the fellowship.

Submission procedure:
The application for a Research Associate fellowship (CQ) can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.

Content and evaluation of the proposal:
The content is structured around 3 parts specific to the “researcher” instruments, to which the notion of “international potential/recognition” is added. Each category is assigned a weight in order to calculate the overall grade of the proposal:

• quality of the applicant (40%): number and quality of the publications (journals, citations, etc.), opinion of the promoter and of 3 worldwide renowned referees (creativity, international influence, ability to develop a team, independency, etc.), funded projects, grants, and awards obtained;

As for Research Associate fellowships, the Scientific Commissions will not suggest the Board of Trustees a ranking but a list of maximum 4 applicants ranked A, who may be nominated during the same year. No recruitment other than among the 4 applicants will be allowed. Thus, the Scientific Commissions make recruitment suggestions and the final selection is made by Board of Trustees of the FNRS, guided by the opinion of the Scientific Commissions, on the one hand, and by the respective institutional strategies and permanent positions availabilities assigned to the universities, on the other hand.
• quality of the project (25%): feasibility, methodology, originality, potential impact;
• research environment (10%);
• international potential/recognition (25%): long stays abroad, invitations to international conferences, active collaborations, participation in networks.
The detail of the information required from the applicants is available on E-SPACE.

2.4.2 **PROMOTION: SENIOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE**
(MR - Maître de recherches)

**Key dates of the call 2021:** see page 29

**Eligibility criteria:**
In accordance to article 10, §1 of the Regulations:

“Holders of a FNRS C.Q fellowship may seek promotion to the MR title as from the beginning of the 8th academic year following their appointment, provided that they have been carrying out a fundamental activity for 8 years.”

**Application restrictive rules:**
Applicants who would have previously resigned from a MR fellowship shall not apply for a new fellowship.

The promotion to the MR title shall not be sought more than three times over a period of nine years.

**Submission procedure:**
The application for a Senior Research Associate fellowship (MR) can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is validated by the rector.

**Content and evaluation of the proposal:**
The content provided is used to evaluate the relevance of the promotion requested by the applicant:

• quality of the applicant: number and quality of the publications (journals, citations, etc.), opinion of 3 worldwide renowned referees (creativity, international influence, ability to develop a team, independency, etc.), funded projects, grants, and awards obtained;
• research orientation;
• international potential/recognition: long stays abroad, invitations to international conferences, active collaborations, participation in networks, list of supervised Master dissertations and Ph.D. theses.

The detail of the information required from the applicants is available on E-SPACE.

2.4.3 **PROMOTION: RESEARCH DIRECTOR**
(DR - Directeur de recherches)

**Key dates of the call 2021:** see page 29

**Eligibility criterion:**
Senior Research Associates (MR - Maître de recherches) who genuinely carry out the fellowship may seek promotion to the title of Research Director (DR - Directeur de

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20 A long stay abroad is a key element adding value to the application file.
recherches) as from the beginning of the 4th year of the Senior Research Associate fellowship (MR).

**Application restrictive rules:**
Applicants who would have previously resigned from a DR fellowship shall not apply for a new fellowship.

The promotion to the DR title shall not be sought more than three times over a period of nine years.

**Submission procedure:**
The application for a DR fellowship can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is validated by the rector.

**Content and evaluation of the proposal:**
The content provided is used to evaluate the relevance of the promotion requested by the applicant:

- quality of the applicant: number and quality of the publications (journals, citations, etc.), opinion of 3 worldwide renowned referees (creativity, international influence, ability to develop a team, independency, etc.), funded projects, grants, and awards obtained;
- research orientation;
- international potential/recognition: long stays abroad, invitations to international conferences, active collaborations, participation in networks, list of supervised Master dissertations and Ph.D. theses.

The detail of the information required from the applicants is available on E-SPACE.
2.5 Establishment in the French-Speaking Community of Belgium (CFB)

The goal of the funding granted within the framework of the Ulyssé Incentive Grant for Mobility in Scientific Research (MISU) consists in encouraging highly qualified Belgian or foreign researchers who currently pursue a scientific career abroad to come in Belgium and develop their career in a university of the CFB.

The MISU promoter is remunerated by the host university and receives an annual credit of €200,000 based on an annual average, which can be allocated to cover personnel, operating or equipment costs. The duration of the fellowship is 2 years, with the possibility to renew it for 1 year.

2.5.1 Ulyssé Incentive Grant for Mobility in Scientific Research (MISU - Mandat d’Impulsion Scientifique - Mobilité Ulyssé), initial term: 2 years

For all MISU applications: Specific appendices

Key dates of the call 2021: see page 29

Eligibility criteria:
When submitting their application, applicants must:
• not hold a FNRS fellowship
• have been living abroad for at least 5 uninterrupted years

Application restrictive rule:
Applicants may not apply for a MISU more than three times.

Applicant’s profile:
The applicant must be an active researcher who has an excellent career track record during the past ten years, demonstrating significant research results. The applicant must have the required skills to lead a research team and must enjoy an international scientific recognition.

Submission procedure and content of the file:
The application for a MISU can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is validated by the rector.

In addition to the electronic form, the application must include the letter of endorsement by the rector of the host university.

Criteria taken into account for the evaluation of the proposal:
• Originality and innovation of the project;
• Possibility to launch a new research unit;
• Scientific autonomy towards any existing research unit or laboratory in the host university;
• Up-and-coming theme (development prospect of the field of study);
• 3 recommendations from scientific experts;
• Scientific experience of the applicant.

2.5.2 Ulyssé Incentive Grant for Mobility in Scientific Research, Extension (MISU-PROL): 1 YEAR

Key dates of the call 2021: see page 29

Submission procedure:
The extension request shall be submitted during the second year of the first fellowship. The FNRS will give the relevant researchers access to the online form on E-SPACE.

The request for a MISU-PROL grant can be made exclusively online on E-SPACE. Following the applicant’s validation, the proposal is verified and validated by the promoter, and then by the rector.

**Evaluation of the proposal:**
The request for a MISU-PROL grant is assessed by the Promotions Committee of the host university.
Appendice

FNRS Scientific Commissions and descriptors
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champs descripteurs et mots-clés

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| **SH1_12** | Economic history, development  
Histoire économique, développement |
| **SH2_9** | Legal systems, constitutions, foundations of law  
Systèmes juridiques, constitutions, fondements du droit |
| **SH2_10** | Private, public and social law  
Droits privé, public et social |
| **SH2_11** | Global and transnational governance, international law, human rights  
Gouvernance mondiale et transnationale, droit international, droits de l'homme |
| **SH3_1** | Environment and sustainability  
Environnement et développement durable |
| **SH3_6** | Spatial and regional planning  
Aménagement de l'espace et du territoire |
| **SH3_7** | Population dynamics  
Dynamique des populations |
| **SH3_8** | Urbanization and urban planning, cities  
Urbanisation et aménagement urbain, villes |
| **SH3_9** | Mobility and transportation  
Mobilité et transport |
| **FNRS-2** | Criminology  
Criminologie |
|  | transdisciplinary research aiming at addressing a problem related to society cohesion and evolution (in any aspect: economical, societal, philosophical, historical, ...)  
recherche transdisciplinaire dont l'objectif est de s'attaquer à un problème en rapport avec la cohésion et l'évolution de la société (aspects économiques, sociétaux, philosophiques, historiques, ...) |
| **IDR-2** | Lifespan education  
Education tout au long de la vie |
| **IDR-3** | Ageing population  
Vieillissement de la population |
| **IDR-4** | Social and geographical mobility  
Mobilité sociale et géographique |
| **IDR-5** | migration, integration  
Migration, intégration |
| **IDR-7** | Public health, health policies  
Santé publique, politiques de santé |
| **IDR-10** | Regional development  
Développement régional |
| **IDR-11** | European integration  
Intégration européenne |
| **IDR-12** | Consumer  
Consommation |
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|           | Radiochimie |
| PE4_17    | Nuclear chemistry  
|           | Chimie nucléaire |
| PE4_18    | Photochemistry  
|           | Photochimie |

| PE5_1     | Structural properties of materials  
|           | Propriétés structurales des matériaux |
| PE5_2     | Solid state materials  
|           | Matériaux solides |
| PE5_3     | Surface modification  
|           | Modifications de surface |
| PE5_4     | Thin films  
|           | Couches minces |
| PE5_5     | Corrosion  
|           | Corrosion |
| PE5_6     | Porous materials  
|           | Matériaux poreux |
| PE5_7     | Ionic liquids  
|           | Liquides ioniques |
| PE5_8     | New materials: oxides, alloys, composite, organic-inorganic hybrid, superconductors  
|           | Nouveaux matériaux : oxydes, alliages, composites, hybrides organiques-inorganiques, supraconducteurs |
| PE5_9     | Materials for sensors  
|           | Matériaux pour capteurs |
| PE5_10    | Nanomaterials: nanoparticles, nanotubes  
|           | Nanomatériaux : nanoparticules, nanotubes |
| PE5_11    | Biomaterials synthesis  
|           | Biomatiériaux de synthèse |
| PE5_12    | Intelligent materials – self assembled materials  
|           | Matériaux intelligents - matériaux auto-assemblés |
| PE5_13    | Environment chemistry  
|           | Chimie environnementale |
| PE5_14    | Coordination chemistry  
|           | Chimie de coordination |
| PE5_15    | Colloid chemistry  
|           | Chimie des colloïdes |
| PE5_16    | Biological chemistry  
|           | Chimie biologique |
| PE5_17    | Chemistry of condensed matter  
|           | Chimie de la matière condensée |
| PE5_18    | Homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis  
|           | Catalyse homogène et hétérogène |
| PE5_19    | Characterization methods of materials  
|           | Techniques de caractérisation des matériaux |
| PE5_20    | Macromolecular chemistry  
|           | Chimie macromoléculaire |
| PE5_21    | Polymer chemistry  
|           | Chimie des polymères |
| PE5_22    | Supramolecular chemistry  
|           | Chimie supramoléculaire |
| PE5_23    | Organic chemistry  
|           | Chimie organique |
| PE5_24    | Molecular chemistry  
|           | Chimie moléculaire |
| FNRS-22   | Materials for architecture  
|           | Matériaux pour l'architecture |
| FNRS-23   | Materials for dentistry  
|           | Matériaux pour la dentisterie |
**SEN-2**  Sciences Exactes et Naturelles – 2

**Exact and Natural Sciences – 2**

*all areas of mathematics, pure and applied, plus mathematical foundations of computer science, mathematical physics and statistics (based on ERC-PE1)*

* tous les domaines des mathématiques, pures et appliquées, plus les fondements mathématiques des sciences informatiques, la physique mathématique et les statistiques (basé sur ERC-PE1)*

| PE1_1  | Logic and foundations of mathematics  
|--------|--------------------------------------|
| PE1_2  | Algebra  
| PE1_3  | Number theory  
| PE1_4  | Algebraic and complex geometry  
| PE1_5  | Geometry  
| PE1_6  | Topology  
| PE1_7  | Lie groups, Lie algebras  
| PE1_8  | Analysis  
| PE1_9  | Operator algebras and functional analysis  
| PE1_10 | ODE and dynamical systems  
| PE1_11 | Partial differential equations  
| PE1_12 | Mathematical physics  
| PE1_13 | Probability and statistics  
| PE1_14 | Combinatorics  
| PE1_15 | Mathematical aspects of computer science  
| PE1_16 | Numerical analysis and scientific computing  
| PE1_17 | Control theory and optimization  
| PE1_18 | Application of mathematics in sciences  

*particle, nuclear, plasma, atomic, molecular, gas, and optical physics (based on ERC-PE2)*

* physique des particules, nucléaire, des plasmas, atomique, moléculaire, des gaz, optique (basé sur ERC-PE2)*

| PE2_1  | Fundamental interactions and fields  
|--------|--------------------------------------|
| PE2_2  | Particle physics  
| PE2_3  | Nuclear physics  
| PE2_4  | Nuclear astrophysics  
| PE2_5  | Gas and plasma physics  
| PE2_6  | Electromagnetism  
| PE2_7  | Atomic, molecular physics  
| PE2_8  | Optics and quantum optics  
| PE2_9  | Lasers and laser physics  
| PE2_10 | Acoustics  
| PE2_11 | Relativity  
| PE2_12 | Classical physics  
| PE2_13 | Thermodynamics  
| PE2_14 | Non-linear physics  
| PE2_15 | General physics  

Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS | Commissions scientifiques
| PE2_16 | Metrology and measurement  
Métrie et mesures |
| PE2_17 | Statistical physics (gases)  
Physique statistique (gaz) |
|  | **solar system; stellar, galactic and extragalactic astronomy, planetary systems, cosmology; space science, instrumentation (based on ERC-PE9)**  
**astro-physique/chimie/biologie; système solaire, astronomie stellaire, galactique et extra-galactique; systèmes planétaires, cosmologie; sciences de l'espace, instrumentation (basé sur ERC-PE9)** |
| PE9_1 | Solar and interplanetary physics  
Physique solaire et interplanétaire |
| PE9_2 | Planetary systems sciences  
Sciences des systèmes planétaires |
| PE9_3 | Interstellar medium  
Milieu interstellaire |
| PE9_4 | Formation of stars and planets  
Formation des étoiles et des planètes |
| PE9_5 | Astrobiology  
Astrobiologie |
| PE9_6 | Stars and stellar systems  
Etoiles et systèmes stellaires |
| PE9_7 | The Galaxy  
La Galaxie |
| PE9_8 | Formation and evolution of galaxies  
Formation et évolution des galaxies |
| PE9_9 | Clusters of galaxies and large scale structures  
Amas de galaxies et structures de grande échelle |
| PE9_10 | High energy and particles astronomy – X-rays, cosmic rays, gamma rays, neutrinos  
Astronomie des hautes énergies et des particules - rayons X, rayons cosmiques, rayons gamma, neutrinos |
| PE9_11 | Relativistic astrophysics  
Astrophysique relativiste |
| PE9_12 | Dark matter, dark energy  
Matière noire, énergie noire |
| PE9_13 | Gravitational astronomy  
Astronomie gravitationnelle |
| PE9_14 | Cosmology  
Cosmologie |
| PE9_15 | Space Sciences  
Sciences de l'espace |
| PE9_16 | Very large data bases: archiving, handling and analysis  
Très grandes bases de données : archivage, gestion, analyse |
| PE9_17 | Instrumentation - telescopes, detectors and techniques  
Instrumentation - télescopes, détecteurs et techniques |
| PE9_18 | Solar planetology  
Planétologie du système solaire |
### SEN-3

**Sciences Exactes et Naturelles – 3**  
**Exact and Natural Sciences – 3**

**informatics and information systems, computer science, scientific computing, intelligent systems (based on ERC-PE6)**  
**systèmes informatiques et d’information, informatique, calcul scientifique, systèmes intelligents (basé sur ERC-PE6)**

| PE6_1  | Computer architecture  
|        | Architecture informatique |
| PE6_2  | Database management  
|        | Gestion de bases de données |
| PE6_3  | Formal methods  
|        | Méthodes formelles |
| PE6_4  | Graphics and image processing  
|        | Représentation graphique et traitement de l’image |
| PE6_5  | Human computer interaction and interface  
|        | Interaction et interface homme-ordinateur |
| PE6_6  | Informatics and information systems  
|        | Systèmes informatique et d’information |
| PE6_7  | Theoretical computer science including quantum information  
|        | Informatique théorique y compris l'information quantique |
| PE6_8  | Intelligent systems  
|        | Systèmes intelligents |
| PE6_9  | Scientific computing  
|        | Informatique scientifique |
| PE6_10 | Modelling tools  
|        | Outils de modélisation |
| PE6_11 | Multimedia  
|        | Multimedia |
| PE6_12 | Parallel and distributed computing  
|        | Informatique parallèle et distribuée |
| PE6_13 | Speech recognition  
|        | Reconnaissance vocale |
| PE6_14 | Systems and software  
|        | Système et logiciel |

**electronic, communication, optical and systems engineering (based on ERC-PE7)**  
**électronique, communication et ingénierie des systèmes (basé sur ERC-PE7)**

| PE7_1  | Control engineering  
|        | Automatique |
| PE7_2  | Electrical and electronic engineering: semiconductors, components, systems  
|        | Génie électrique et électronique : semi-conducteurs, composants, systèmes |
| PE7_4  | Simulation engineering and modelling  
|        | Ingénierie en simulation, et modélisation |
| PE7_5  | Systems engineering, sensors, automation  
|        | Ingénierie des systèmes, capteurs, automatisation |
| PE7_6  | Micro- and nanoelectronics, optoelectronics  
|        | Micro- et nanélectronique, optoélectronique |
| PE7_7  | Communication technology, high-frequency technology  
|        | Technologie des communications, technologie des hautes fréquences |
| PE7_8  | Signal processing  
|        | Traitement du signal |
| PE7_9  | Networks  
|        | Réseaux |
| PE7_10 | Man-machine-interfaces  
|        | Interfaces homme-machine |
| PE7_11 | Robotics  
|        | Robotique |

**product design, process design and control, construction methods, civil engineering, energy systems, material engineering (based on ERC-PE8)**  
**conception de produits, conception et contrôle des procédés, méthodes de construction, génie civil, systèmes énergétiques, ingénierie des matériaux (basé sur ERC-PE8)**

| PE8_1  | Aerospace engineering  
|        | Ingénierie aérospatiale |
| PE8_2  | Chemical engineering, technical chemistry  
|        | génie chimique, chimie technique |
| PE8_3  | Civil engineering, maritime/hydraulic engineering, geotechnics, waste treatment  
|        | Génie civil, génie maritime/hydraulique, géotechnique, traitement des déchets |
| PE8_4  | Computational engineering  
|        | Ingénierie par l’informatique |
| PE8_5  | Fluid mechanics, hydraulic-, turbo-, and piston engines  
|        | Mécanique des fluides, moteurs hydrauliques, turbo et à pistons |
| PE8_6  | Energy systems (production, distribution, application)  
|        | Systèmes énergétiques (production, distribution, application) |
| PE8_7  | Micro/system engineering, micro-ingénierie (des systèmes)  
<p>|        | Micro(système) engineering, micro-ingénierie (des systèmes) |</p>
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Ingénierie mécanique et de fabrication (mise en forme, montage, assemblage, séparation) |
| PE8_9 | Materials engineering (biomaterials, metals, ceramics, polymers, composites, …)  
Ingénierie des matériaux (biomatériaux, métaux, céramiques, polymères, composites, …) |
| PE8_10 | Production technology, process engineering  
Technologie de la production, ingénierie des procédés |
| PE8_11 | Product design, ergonomics, man-machine interfaces  
Design de produit, ergonomie, interface homme-machine |
| PE8_12 | Lightweight construction, textile technology  
Construction légère, technologie textile |
| PE8_13 | Industrial bioengineering  
Bioingénierie industrielle |
| PE8_14 | Industrial biofuel production  
Production industrielle de biocarburants |
### SEN-4

**Sciences Exactes et Naturelles – 4**

**Exact and Natural Sciences – 4**

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### PE10_15

**Earth observations from space/remote sensing**

**Observations de la terre depuis l’espace/ télédétection**

### PE10_16

**Geomagnetism, paleomagnetism**

**Géomagnétisme, paléomagnétisme**

### PE10_17

**Ozone, upper atmosphere, ionosphere**

**Ozone, haute atmosphère, ionosphère**

### PE10_18

**Hydrology, water and soil pollution**

**Hydrologie, pollution de l’eau et du sol**

### LS8_1

**Ecology (theoretical, community, population, microbial, evolutionary ecology)**

**Ecologie (théorique, communautaire, des populations, microbienne, de l’évolution)**

### LS8_2

**Population biology, population dynamics, population genetics, plant-animal interactions**

**Biologie des populations, dynamique des populations, génétique des populations, interactions plantes-animaux**

### LS8_3

**Systems eEvolution, biological adaptation, phylogenetics, systematics**

**Evolution des systèmes, adaptation biologique, phylogénétique, systématique**

### LS8_4

**Biodiversity, comparative biology**

**Biodiversité, biologie comparée**

### LS8_5

**Conservation biology, ecology, genetics**

**Biologie de la conservation, écologie, génétique**

### LS8_6

**Biogeography**

**Biogéographie**

### LS8_7

**Animal behaviour (behavioural ecology, animal communication)**

**Comportement animal (écologie comportementale, communication animale)**

### LS8_8

**Environmental and marine biology**

**Biologie environnementale et biologie marine**

### LS8_9

**Environmental toxicology**

**Toxicologie environnementale**

### LS8_10

**Prokaryotic biology**

**Biologie des procaryotes**

### LS8_11

**Symbiosis**

**Symbiose**
| LS9_1 | Genetic engineering, transgenic organisms, recombinant proteins, biosensors  
| LS9_2 | Synthetic biology and new bio-engineering concepts  
| LS9_3 | Agriculture related to animal husbandry, dairying, livestock raising  
| LS9_4 | Aquaculture, fisheries  
| LS9_5 | Agriculture related to crop production, soil biology and cultivation, applied plant biology  
| LS9_6 | Food sciences  
| LS9_7 | Forestry, biomass production (e.g. for biofuels)  
| LS9_8 | Environmental biotechnology, bioremediation, biodegradation  
| LS9_9 | Biotechnology, bioreactors, applied microbiology  
| LS9_10 | Biomimetics  
<p>| LS9_11 | Biohazards, biological containment, biosafety, biosecurity |</p>
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Développement, génétique du développement, plan d'organisation et embryologie chez les animaux |
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Développement, génétique du développement, plan d'organisation et embryologie chez les végétaux |
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Génétique cellulaire |
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Système sensoriel (ex : système visuel, système auditif) |
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Mécanismes de la douleur |
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Neurobiologie du développement |
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Cognition (ex : apprentissage, mémoire, émotions, discours) |
| LSS_8 | Behavioral neuroscience (e.g. sleep, consciousness, handedness)  
Neurosciences comportementale (ex : sommeil, conscience, latéralisation) |
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Neurosciences des systèmes |
| LSS_10 | Neuroimaging and computational neuroscience  
Imagerie neurologique et informatique pour les neurosciences |
| LSS_11 | Neurological disorders (e.g. Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease)  
Troubles neurologiques (ex : maladie d'Alzheimer, maladie de Huntington, maladie de Parkinson) |
| LSS_12 | Psychiatric disorders (e.g. schizophrenia, autism, Tourette's syndrome, obsessive-compulsive disorder, depression, bipolar disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder)  
Troubles psychiatriques (ex : schizophrénie, autisme, syndrome de Tourette, troubles obsessionnels compulsifs, dépression, troubles bipolaires, troubles de l'attention avec hyperactivité) |
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**aetiology, diagnosis and treatment of disease, public health, epidemiology, pharmacy, pharmacology, clinical medicine, regenerative medicine, medical ethics (based on ERC-LS7)**

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- Clinical research on cardio-vascular diseases
- Clinical research on renal diseases
- Clinical research on gastro and hepatological diseases
- Clinical research on rhumatologic diseases
- Clinical research on metabolic syndrome
- Clinical research on diabetes
- Clinical research on pneumologic diseases
- Clinical research in oncology
- Medical statistics

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- Recherche translationnelle
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  - Recherche clinique : maladies néphrologiques
  - Recherche clinique : maladies gastro-enterologiques et hépatologiques
  - Recherche clinique : maladies rhumatismales
  - Recherche clinique : syndrome métabolique
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