

1. SCHEDULE

Opening of the call on the [ESSurvey Project](#) dedicated web page of F.R.S.-FNRS website:

TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2019.

Deadline:

TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019.

Applications should be sent to the e-mail address:

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Funding decision will be taken by the decision-making bodies of the F.R.S.-FNRS at the end of the calendar year. The Starting date for this instrument is the following: 1st January 2020.

2. INSTRUMENT AND FUNDING CONDITIONS

The European Social Survey is an academically driven cross-national survey that has been conducted across Europe since its establishment in 2001. In 2013, it obtained the statute of a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC). It is now composed of 31 countries. Belgium is a founding member of ESSurvey, and of the ESS-ERIC. Given the specificity of the Belgian political system, two research teams have been collaborating from 2001, in order to perform two parallel surveys for each round, one in Flemish and one in French.

F.R.S.-FNRS, as well as FWO, its Flemish counterpart, has now decided to open a call for projects with a proper evaluation procedure.

The funding granted by F.R.S.-FNRS will be divided in two periods:

- 2020-2021 (10th ESSurvey round): up to **220.000 EUR**
- 2022-2023 (11th ESSurvey round): up to **220.000 EUR**, if and only if the Monitoring Committee¹ approves the continuation of the funding.

3. SPECIFIC REMARKS

3.1 Personnel expenditure

For any requested staff unit the promoter shall contact the relevant service of her/his host university in order to establish an estimation of the staff cost based on the scientific seniority. Amounts cannot be changed after application submission.

The staff categories are the following:

- Technician
- Non-doctoral Researcher
- Short-term Postdoctoral Researcher
- Postdoctoral Researcher

¹ The F.R.S.-FNRS has created a ESSurvey internal Monitoring Committee whose composition is available at : <https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/financements/credits-et-projets/essurvey>

Technician and Short-term Postdoctoral Researcher² categories are subject to an annual amount, calculated in proportion to the days worked.

3.2 Open access policy

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

This [mandate](#) specifies the conditions under which the F.R.S.-FNRS grant recipients shall store, when possible, all the funded research results of which they are authors or co-authors in their institution’s repository.

Reminder to the research community: Any scientific publication resulting partially or fully from the funding allocated via the instruments as part of the “Credits and Projects” Call shall mention the source of the funding as follows: “This work was supported by the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS under Grant(s) n° [ID number]”. The same procedure applies to open access publications.

4. CONTENT OF A PROPOSAL

Applicants will have to write their proposal in English.

The F.R.S.-FNRS insists on **strict compliance of the number of pages** allowed for documents that shall be enclosed with the application form and stresses again the sovereign consideration of the Scientific Commissions in case the file would exceed the applicable page limit.

The application must contain the main sections described in the table below.

FORM
PART 1 : IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROMOTER (max. 0,5 page)
PART 2 : EXPERIENCE OF THE PROMOTER <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CV (free format)2. Five most relevant publications (free format)3. What is your relevant experience for running the ESSurvey project ? (max. 0,5 page)
PART 3 : PROJECT AND METHODOLOGY What is your project and which methodology are you planning to use in order to integrate the next round of the European Social Survey-ERIC? (max. 2 pages)
PART 4 : BUDGET How will you allocate the resources? (max. 1 page)

² A [specific regulation](#) applies for Short-term Postdoctoral Research/Chercheurs Temporaires Post-doctoraux, please see : http://www.frs-fnrs.be/docs/Reglement-et-documents/FRS-FNRS_REGL_CTP_FR.pdf)

5. EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The application will be remotely evaluated by a Member of the ESSurvey Core Scientific team, and then by the F.R.S.-FNRS SHS-1 Scientific Commission.

The evaluation will be based on two criteria:

- **Capacity to fulfil ESSurvey's missions by complying with ESSurvey methodology³**
- **Adequacy between the research program and the required budget.**

³ <https://www.europeansocialsurvey.org/methodology/>