

# F.R.S.-FNRS MINI-GUIDE AUDACIOUS MEDICAL GRANT - ONCOLOGY CALL 2026

## 1. WHAT IS AN AUDACIOUS MEDICAL GRANT?

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Audacious Medical Grant (AMG) is a funding instrument supporting medical or biomedical research projects that are original, daring and creative, but which are not supported in traditional funding schemes due to the lack of preliminary data, the absence of previous work or an unusual methodology.

The term “audacious” means that there is a significant risk that the project will produce little or no tangible scientific result because of its novelty or complexity.

The AMG-Oncology is not a Télévie related funding instrument but the FNRS uses the expertise of its Scientific Commission to conduct the evaluation of submitted projects. As such, there are no restrictions in terms of application between the AMG-ONCO 2026 call and the Télévie call 2026.

## 2. SCIENTIFIC SCOPE OF THE AMG-ONCOLOGY CALL 2026

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The call is open to all fields of oncology and all approaches (biomedical research, clinical research, epidemiological research, public health...).

The project submitted must allow:

- a better understanding of the mechanisms leading to the development of cancers and/or
- the development of new therapeutic approaches and/or
- an improvement in the prevention or detection of cancers.

## 3. AGENDA 2026

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- **Opening of the call:** 15/01
- **Closure of the call:** 18/02 (validation PI)
- **Validation by the rectors:** 25/02
- **Scientific Commission:** 18/05
- **FNRS Board of Trustees:** 23/06
- **Start of the projects:** 01/10

## 4. ELIGIBILITY OF CRITERIA

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The promoter-applicant must be affiliated to a university of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation and meet the standard eligibility requirements of the PDR call (click [here](#)).

## 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNDING INSTRUMENT

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AMG-ONCO funding is intended for a single, eligible promoter from the Wallonia-Brussels Federation. Inter-university projects will not be supported under this AMG-ONCO 2026 call.

### 5.1 Funding duration

The funding can be requested for a maximum of 24 months.

### 5.2 Amount of funding

The maximum amount that can be requested is 120.000 euros.

### 5.3 Eligible costs

- Personnel
  - The personnel must be hired by the host institution and its identity should not be communicated to the FNRS nor the Scientific Commission.
  - At the end of the research convention (max. 24 months), the FNRS will not ensure the continuity of personnel funding.
- Operating
- Equipment

Transfer will be allowed among cost categories during the life of the project.

## 6. STRUCTURE OF THE ONLINE FORM

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The form will include the following sections:

- The applicant (Curriculum Vitae, skills to conduct the project)
- The project (originality and relevance of the hypotheses, methodology)
- Audacious nature of the application (details below)
- Impact in oncology if successful

## 7. EVALUATION PROCEDURE

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Projects submitted in the framework of the AMG-ONCO 2026 call will be evaluated by a multidisciplinary panel in the field of oncology.

The projects will be evaluated on the basis of the following 4 equally weighted criteria:

- The applicant (Curriculum Vitae, skills to carry out the project)
- The project (originality and relevance of the hypotheses, methodology)
- Audacious nature of the application\*
- Impact in oncology if successful

\*In order to be considered audacious or risky, a research project must:

- have potentially seminal breakthroughs that could change our understanding of a field and lead to the establishment of new concepts or paradigms

and

- can be based on a hypothesis and/or approach that has little to no support from previous work

## 8. SUBMISSION OF AMG-ONCO PROJECT

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Projects must be submitted electronically on the web-based application of the FNRS [e-space](#). Although not a Télévie related instrument, the independent AMG-ONCO form will be accessible via the link "Télévie 2026 call".

The number of applications that can be submitted by a given promoter is limited to one for the 2026 edition.

## 9. ACTIVITY REPORTS AND DISSEMINATION

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At the end of the project, and within a maximum of 6 months, the promoter will have to submit an activity report listing the possible results and allowing the FNRS to ensure their diffusion.