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CHAPTER I: SCOPE

Article 1
The rules and regulations hereinafter are only applicable to research projects submitted within the framework of the Télévie Call of the Fund for Scientific Research - FNRS\(^1\) (F.R.S.-FNRS).

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<td>Télévie (TLV)</td>
<td>1 year or 2 years</td>
<td>Single-university TLV Project</td>
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<td>Cross-university TLV Project</td>
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The purpose of Télévie is to collect funds in order to make progress in the fight against leukemia and cancer in children and adults.

Article 2
The Télévie research project may be conducted in one or several institutions listed in Appendix 1.

Article 3
The main promoter is the person who assumes the scientific responsibility and is in charge of the administrative management of the funded research project.

CHAPTER II: APPLICATION

II- A.: PROMOTERS

Article 4
The main promoter-applicant to a Télévie project must be:

- Either a Research Associate, a Senior Research Associate or a Research Director of the F.R.S.-FNRS and assuming the function and duties of such position by the time of the validation deadline set for the academic authorities (rectors) at the latest,

- Or a researcher appointed in an institution listed in Appendix 1 and must meet the following conditions altogether:
  - Be permanently\(^2\) appointed to an academic or scientific position or on probation in that institution.

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\(^1\) The Fund for Scientific Research - FNRS shall be understood as the F.R.S.-FNRS and its Associated Funds.

\(^2\) Research logisticians of rank A, as defined by the Royal Decree of 31st October 1953 fixing 'le statut des agrégés, des répétiteurs et des membres du personnel scientifique des universités de l’État', are not allowed to be the main promoter-applicant. They are not allowed to be either the requested project initiator of an additional institution involved in the cross-university project.

They may nevertheless be co-promoter applicants, provided they hold a Ph.D.
This appointment must have a final and conclusive assent from the competent body to legitimize this appointment in accordance with the Law or the institution regulations by the time of the validation deadline set 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 Télévie project, i.e. by 1st October of the year of the Télévie Call concerned at the latest.

If the main promoter-applicant who is appointed permanently accesses the legal age of retirement / becomes professor emeritus after the validation deadline set for the academic authorities (rectors) and before the end of the funding scheme in case of granting, the submission of the application shall be subject to prior approval by the Head of institution where the research will be carried out.

The main promoter-applicant permanently appointed who will access the legal age of retirement / become professor emeritus by the validation deadline set for the academic authorities (rectors) is not eligible.

**Article 5**

In a cross-university project, the eligibility criteria as referred to in article 4 are also to be met by the project initiator of an additional institution involved.

**II- B.: SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION**

**Article 6**

The Télévie Call for applications is opened once a year and is published on the F.R.S.-FNRS website.

The application can be submitted in French or in English. It must only be submitted on e-space, the online platform dedicated to the calls for proposals.

All applications are submitted to a procedure including successive electronic validations on the dates that will be indicated when the call is published.

a. The validation by the main promoter, responsible proponent accountable to the F.R.S.-FNRS administration: it accounts as a confirmation that the application file is complete.

b. The validation by the co-promoter(s): it accounts as an electronic signature.

c. The validation by the research administration (or Board of Education) of the institution to which promoters are related – the Authority to which the application file is transferred once promoters have validated the application form. That authority may accept or refuse the application. The validation deadline set for the rector puts a final end to the call for proposals.

Applications that have not been validated within the time-frame of the call cannot be taken into account.

The validation dates are available in the mini-guide.

**CHAPTER III: NATURE AND DURATION OF THE FUNDING**

**III- A.: ELIGIBLE AND NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

**Article 7**

As part of the Télévie project the allocated fund can cover 3 types of expenses:
Article 8
The following operating costs are not authorised:

- Payment and reimbursement of rents
- Payment of the heating, light and telephone
- Costs for facilities maintenance and building costs
- Costs for equipment maintenance and repairing
- Costs for furniture
- Office supply costs (except for justified computer or computer equipment costs)
- Restaurant costs and expenses for foodstuffs (coffee, sugar, softs…) not related to missions or shift trips
- Visa fees for residence permits
- Insurance for appliance(s) or vehicle(s) belonging to the institution
- Thesis related expenses (printout, jury’s invitation)

III- B.: FUNDING CHARACTERISTICS AND PROVISIONS

Article 9
Télévie projects submitted via the TLV instrument are applicable for 1 year or 2 years.

The starting date of Télévie projects is set for 1st October and the ending date for 30th September.

Article 10
Categories of personnel\(^3\) are detailed in the table below:

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<td>Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D. (capped)</td>
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<td>Postdoctoral Researcher(^4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist (capped)</td>
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<td>Non-doctoral Researcher (capped)</td>
<td>x</td>
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<td>Technician - Salary (capped)</td>
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n/a = not applicable

\(^3\) Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D., Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist, Non-doctoral Researcher and Technician categories are subject to an annual limit, calculated in proportion to the number of days worked. Limitations in force for the first year of funding are detailed in the Télévie Call mini-guide.

\(^4\) The promoter shall contact the relevant department of their host institution in order to determine the Postdoctoral Researcher’s status (Mobility situation, grant, employee…) and the work time.
Promoters are allowed to recruit personnel **for a minimum of one month** and the duration may not exceed the maximal duration of the funding agreement.

**Article 11**

The identity of the doctoral personnel is not required when submitting a TLV application. After granting and identification, the doctoral personnel shall not be replaced in case of discontinuation.


Regarding the Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D.:

| **Objective** | The applicant to a part-time Clinical Ph.D. (in Medical Sciences or Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences) shall carry out their research* under the supervision of a promoter, while pursuing a part-time clinical activity in a university hospital (as defined in the federal regulations) or in a university hospital department as identified by the F.R.S.-FNRS (see Appendix 2).

The applicant to a Clinical Ph.D. shall simultaneously undertake an Advanced Master or already be a medical specialist.

*In a university of the French-speaking Community of Belgium which has a faculty of medicine offering a complete curriculum.* |
| **Eligibility** | The applicant to a part-time Clinical Ph.D. must have obtained the academic degree of Medical Doctor. |
| **Duration** | Two years, that may be renewed twice (with a maximum duration of six years). |
| **Employer** | The hospital where the applicant to a part-time Clinical Ph.D. carries out their clinical activity is their employer and shall remunerate them.

The F.R.S.-FNRS will reimburse half of the full-time annual cost to the hospital. Cost (on-call duties not included) includes salary cost plus all direct and indirect salary costs. However, the F.R.S.-FNRS reimbursement is subject to an annual limit.

Consequently, the hospital-related salary of part-time clinical doctors who are also researchers can be higher than the research-related salary. |

**Article 12**

The requested Postdoctoral Researcher and Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist categories must be identified when submitting the proposal. The curriculum vitae (using the provided template) shall be attached to the application. Those candidates must hold a Ph.D. delivered by 1st May of the year of the application at the latest. A certificate of achievement or a copy of the doctoral degree must be enclosed in the application file.

The postdoctoral personnel to be recruited must be requested for two years and may be renewed for two years.

Postdoctoral Researcher is requested in a host laboratory different from the laboratory of the thesis supervisor, unless they can justify a two-year mobility outside of their university of origin by the deadline of validation by the academic authorities (rectors), to other research institutions in the French-speaking Community of Belgium, Dutch-speaking Community or abroad.
Specific rules and regulations govern the Collaborateur scientifique F.R.S.-FNRS – Télévie (Postdoctoral Researcher employed by the F.R.S.-FNRS).

Regarding the Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist:

| **Objective** | The part-time Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist shall carry out a postdoctoral-level research activity in a university of the French-speaking Community of Belgium*, while pursuing a part-time clinical activity in a university hospital (as defined in the federal regulations) or a university hospital department as identified by the F.R.S.-FNRS (see Appendix 2).  

* Which has a faculty of medicine offering a complete curriculum, under the supervision of a promoter. |
| **Eligibility** | The part-time Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist must already be a medical specialist. They must hold a Ph.D. in Medical Sciences or Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences, delivered by 1st May of the year of the application at the latest. |
| **Duration** | Two years, that may be renewed for two years. |
| **Employer** | The hospital where part-time Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist carries out their clinical activity is their employer and shall remunerate them. The F.R.S.-FNRS will reimburse half of the full-time annual cost to the hospital. Cost (on-call duties not included) includes salary cost plus all direct and indirect salary costs. However, the F.R.S.-FNRS reimbursement is subject to an annual limit. Consequently, the hospital-related salary of part-time clinical doctors who are also researchers can be higher than the research-related salary. |
Article 16
The Board of Trustees of the F.R.S.-FNRS allocates funds according to the budget that is available. It decides on the granting or rejection, and where provided for, on the amounts to be granted.

CHAPTER V: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 17
Funding granted through the Télévie instrument is subject to an agreement between three parties:

- **The promoter** who commits to carrying out or pursuing the funded research;
- **The F.R.S.-FNRS** which commits to allocating grants covering the personnel, operating and equipment costs;
- **The host institution** which does not undertake any obligation when funding allotment period expires.

In the particular case of joint research carried out by several promoters in several host institutions, it is the responsibility of each institution to assume the management of the personnel recruitment, with the exception of the Grants F.R.S.-FNRS - Télévie and Collaborateurs scientifiques F.R.S.-FNRS - Télévie, managed by the F.R.S.-FNRS. Also they shall handle the management of the grants and equipment ownership.

Article 18
Any change made to the planned expenses must receive the prior written approval of the F.R.S.-FNRS.

The budget devoted to the personnel is available only for the duration of the granting only.

Article 19
Grants at the disposal of the promoters are managed by the financial department of the institution to which they are attached.

The financial department of the institution shall send the supporting documents to the F.R.S.-FNRS as soon as possible.

For the personnel costs relevant to a given calendar year, the supporting documents must be sent before the 1st March of the following year.

At the end of the year the remaining balance of the grants covering operating and equipment costs will be automatically deferred for two years maximum. The supporting documents must be sent before the 1st March of the year in question.

The unspent amount will be recovered by the F.R.S.-FNRS.

Article 20
No hiring is effective without the prior written approval of the F.R.S.-FNRS.

Article 21
Scientific and technical personnel shall be recruited in accordance with the scales and regulations in force.
As for the Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D., the Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist, the Non-doctoral Researcher and the technical personnel, the F.R.S.-FNRS contribution is subject to an annual limit assigned from the Fund and is calculated in proportion to the number of days worked.

CHAPTER VI: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 22
Any device acquired with a credit from the F.R.S.-FNRS becomes the property of the host institution, to which the beneficiary of the credit is attached.

The purchase of any device must be done with due respect for the provisions defined by the relevant department of the host institution.

This institution commits, however, to putting the mentioned device at the disposal of the researchers involved for the time needed in order to conduct the research, which led to its purchase in the first place. In addition, the host institution commits not to alienating or lending the equipment without the prior written approval of the F.R.S.-FNRS.

In the event that the device was purchased with the provision of an additional funding, the Board of Trustees of the F.R.S.-FNRS will settle the ownership issue with the competent authorities.

Article 23
Grants are exclusively allocated for the execution of Télévie research projects approved by the F.R.S.-FNRS. Promoters are required to use them solely for that purpose. Any fundamental change in the research project must obtain the prior written approval of the F.R.S.-FNRS.

CHAPTER VII: RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PROMOTERS

Article 24
Any funded research programme must comply with the legal provisions in force regarding ethics.

Article 25
Promoters must submit to the rules imposed by the academic authority of the host institution where they work and observe its regulations. In addition, regarding the F.R.S.-FNRS, they must adhere to the regulation on property, protection and promotion of the results from the research carried out within the institution.

Article 26
Three months after the end of the project, a request for a final report shall be sent to the main promoter.

The main promoter must upload this final report on their personal page e-space within two months following the request.

Article 27
Pursuant to the Regulation on the application of the Open Access policy to scientific publications resulting from research programmes supported by the F.R.S.-FNRS and its Associated Funds, any scientific publication resulting partially or fully from the funding granted as part of the Télévie instrument shall mention the source of this funding as follows:

“This work was supported by the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique-FNRS under Grant(s) n° [funding number]”.

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APPENDIX 1

Relevant institutions giving access to the funding of the F.R.S.-FNRS

Télévie Instrument
Institutions de rattachement / Attached institutions

**Instrument Télévie**

(TLV)

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<th>Candidat promoteur principal et candidat co-promoteur / Main promoter-applicant and co-promoter-applicant</th>
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- Universités de la Communauté française de Belgique (CFB)
  - Université Catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain)
  - Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)
  - Université de Liège (ULiège)
  - Université de Mons (UMons)
  - Université de Namur (UNamur)
- Centre wallon de Recherches agronomiques (CRA-W)
- LABIRIS
- Sciensano
- Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg (C.H.L.)
- Luxembourg Institute of Health (LIH)
- Université du Luxembourg (UNI.LU)
APPENDIX 2

F.R.S.-FNRS List of the hospitals and University hospital’s departments

Categories of part-time personnel: Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D. and Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist

Télévie Call
Liste F.R.S.-FNRS des hôpitaux et services hospitaliers universitaires / F.R.S.-FNRS List of the hospitals and University hospital departments

Catégories de personnel mi-temps : Clinicien doctorant et Clinicien spécialiste postdoctoral / Categories of part-time personnel: Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D. and Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist

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<td>➤ INSTITUT JULES BORDET</td>
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<td>➤ CHU BRUGMANN :</td>
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<td>• Service de médecine (comprend aussi la dermatologie)</td>
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<td>• Service de chirurgie</td>
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<td>• Service de gériatrie</td>
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<td>• Service de psychiatrie</td>
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<td>• Service de revalidation physique</td>
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<td>• Service d’anesthésie</td>
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<td>• Service d’hospitalisation chirurgicale de jour</td>
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<td>• Service de biologie clinique</td>
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<td>• Service d’imagerie médicale</td>
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<td>• Service d’hospitalisation non chirurgicale de jour</td>
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<td>• Service d’anatomie pathologique</td>
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<td>• Service d’immuno-hématologie-transfusion</td>
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<td>• Service des soins intensifs</td>
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<td>➤ HUDERF :</td>
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<td>• Service de pédiatrie comprend toutes les cliniques spécialisées liées à la pédiatrie (cardiologie, endocrinologie, gastro-entérologie, diabétologie, néphrologie, douleurs et soins palliatifs, pneumologie, néonatalogie, soins intensifs et urgence, nutrition et maladies métaboliques, cancéro-hématologie, neurologie)</td>
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<td>• Service de psychiatrie infanto-juvénile</td>
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<td>• Service de chirurgie cardiaque et pédiatrique</td>
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<td>• Service d’anesthésiologie</td>
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• Laboratoire de biologie clinique
• Service d’anatomie pathologique
• Service de dermatologie

CHU SAINT-PIERRE :

• Service de diagnostic et traitement chirurgical comprenant :
  - Service de chirurgie digestive
  - Service d’orthopédie
  - Service de chirurgie vasculaire et thoracique
  - Clinique de chirurgie réparatrice
  - Service d’urologie
  - Service de stomatologie et chirurgie maxillo-faciale
  - Service d’ORL
  - Service d’ophtalmologie

• Service de diagnostic et de traitement médical comprenant :
  - Service des soins intensifs
  - Service de pneumologie
  - Service de gastro-entérologie
  - Service de neurologie
  - Service d’hématologie-oncologie
  - Service d’endocrinologie
  - Service de médecine physique
  - Service de revalidation cardio-pneumo
  - Service de dermatologie

• Programme de soins « patient gériatrique » comprenant :
  - Service de gériatrie
  - Service de psycho-gériatrie

• Service des maladies contagieuses

• Service des maladies infantiles comprenant :
  - Service de pédiatrie
  - Service de néonatologie
  - Service de pédo-psychiatrie

• Service d’anesthésiologie-réanimation

• Service des urgences

• Service de gynécologie-obstétrique comprenant :
  - Service de gynécologie
  - Service d’obstétrique
  - Clinique de sénologie

• Service « pathologies cardiaques » comprenant :
| Hôpitaux et services hospitaliers universitaires rattachés à l’ULiège / Liège Hospitals and University hospital departments |
|---|---|
| - Service de cardiologie |
| - Service de chirurgie cardiaque |
| - Service de revalidation cardia-pneumo |
| • Laboratoire de biologie clinique LHUB |

- **CHU LIÈGE**
- **C.H.R. DE LA CITADELLE**
  - Service d’anatomie pathologique + dermatopathologie
  - Service d’anesthésie et réanimation
  - Service de chirurgie cardio-vasculaire
  - Service de gynécologie-obstétrique
  - Service d’hématologie clinique
  - Service de neurologie
  - Service de néonatalogie
  - Service de pédiatrie

- **CENTRE HOSPITALIER DU BOIS DE L’ABBAYE ET DE HESBAYE - SITE SERAING**
  - Service de gynécologie-sénologie-obstétrique