



Webinar Télévie Call for projects 2026

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Webinar structure



- Introduction by Véronique Halloin
- Rules and Regulations by Arnaud Goolaerts
- Conclusion by Marc Vidal & Yvan de Launoit

Improving the funding instruments

- Prioritizing the needs of the scientific community
- Aligning and complementing FNRS instruments
- Reducing administrative tasks for applicants / FNRS / Universities

Prioritizing the needs of the scientific community

- *Meeting with representatives of the “cancer research community” (2 UCLouvain, 2 ULB, 2 ULiège, 1 UMONS, 1 UNamur)*
 - avoid duplication with the FNRS traditional funding instruments
 - continue the current staff-based funding model (with greater flexibility) but provide sufficient operating funds to support the activities of funded staff
 - not to impose (artificial) inter-university collaboration
 - set the maximum number of applications per promoter (3)

Aligning and complementing FNRS instruments

- *Guiding principles of the new instrument approved by the FNRS Board (June 2025)*
 - a single model focused on staff funding
 - increase in the operating cost ceiling, replacement of the lump sum model with a needs-based model
 - possibility of requesting up to 3 staff positions
 - removal of PDR-TLV (cross-university)

Reducing administrative tasks for applicants / FNRS / Universities

- Selection of staff units left to the PI
- Suppression of final reports, but collect of ex-post quantitative indicators and list of publications



Call 2026 agenda

- Call opening : 15/01/2026
- Validation by Promoter : 18/02/2026
- Validation for Grant-REN: 20/02/2026 – See Mini-guide
- Validation by Rectors : 25/02/2026
- Télévie Seminar : 28/01/2026
- Scientific Commission : 18/05/2026
- Funding decision by the Board in June 2026

Rules and Regulations



Warnings

- These regulations apply to all new applications starting from the 2026 call
- Staff recruited prior to 2026 → consult the 2026 Call mini-guide
- As of 2026, Kiwanis Luxembourg will directly manage Luxembourg funds





Rules and Regulations

Keypoints

- Only one promoter per application
- The application must be submitted in English
- Maximum of three staff positions per call / promoter

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Keypoints

A promoter may request **up to three staff positions per call**, submitted through **one, two or three applications**, each application corresponding to a distinct scientific project

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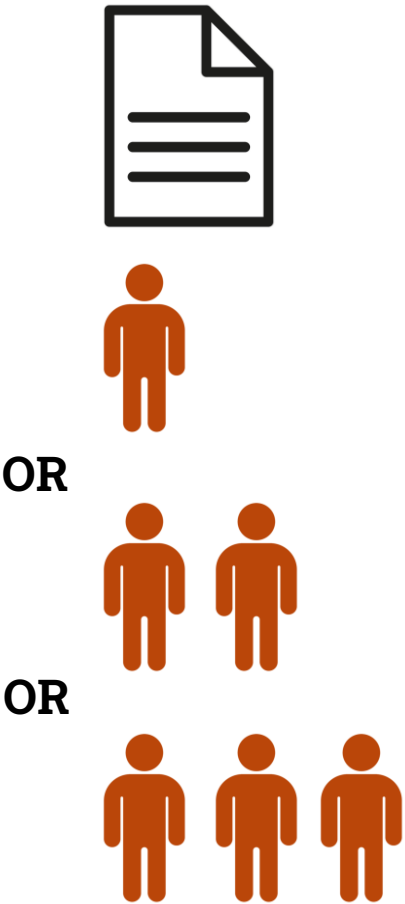
In practice, the possible combinations are as follows:

- **1 application** requesting one, two or three staff positions
- **2 applications**, each requesting one staff position, or with one of the two requesting two positions
- **3 applications**, each requesting one staff position

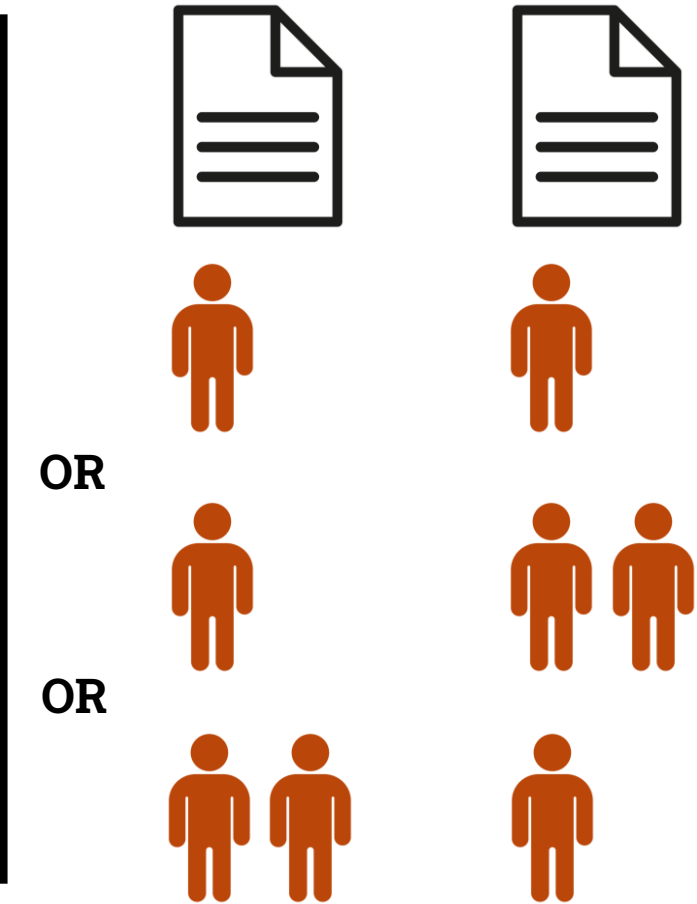
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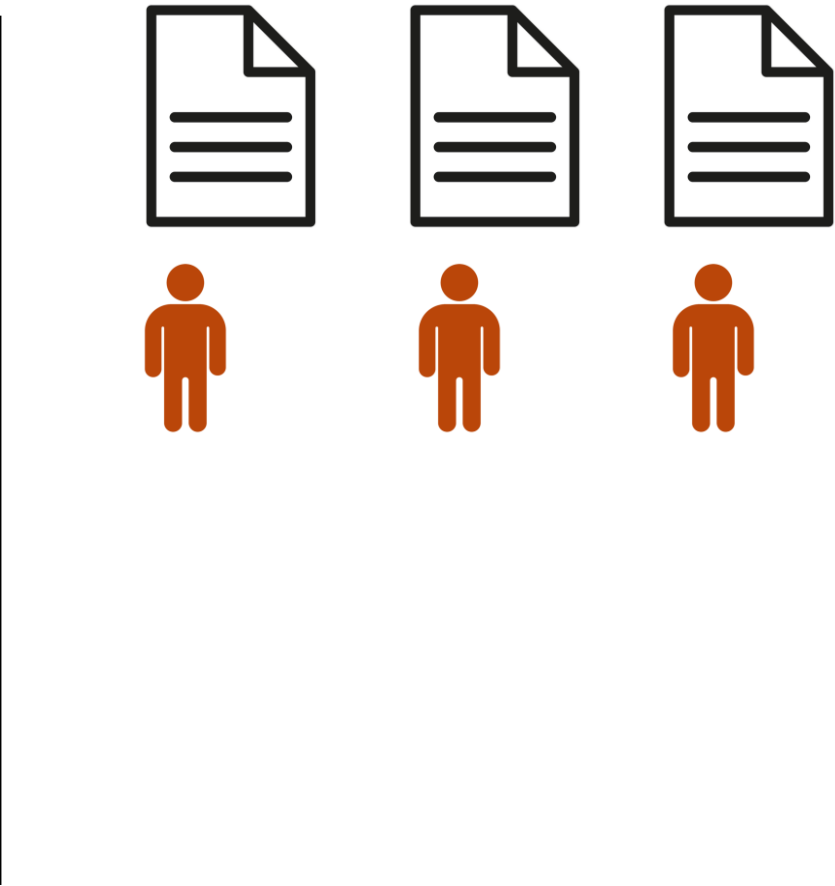
with 1 proposal



with 2 proposals



with 3 proposals





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Design of the funding instrument

- The funding duration is **2 years**
- The funding includes **2 categories of eligible costs** :
 - Staff costs: up to 3 positions
 - Operating costs : up to €60,000 / staff



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Design of the funding instrument

- Identity staff not requested during application
- Host institution is the employer of the staff
- For all staff, the host institution determines the status (mobility situation, grant, salary, etc.) and cost

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Design of the funding instrument

<u>Categories</u>	Percentage of time	
	Part-time	Full-time
<u>Doctoral Researcher</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant • Salary 	N/A x	x x
<u>Postdoctoral Researcher</u>	x	x
<u>Technical and support staff</u>	x	x
Clinical Doctoral Researcher ²	<u>half-time</u>	N/A
<u>Clinical Postdoctoral Researcher²</u>	<u>half-time</u>	N/A

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Doctoral Researcher

- Doctoral Researcher position shall not be replaced in case of resignation
- The promoter may submit a renewal application for a second period of 2 years – See article 60
- Renewal only subject to the approval by the committee in charge of thesis monitoring

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Postdoctoral Researcher

- A given individual may be recruited as a Postdoctoral Researcher for a maximum duration of 4 years (2 x 2yrs)
- Renewal applications must be submitted for scientific evaluation

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Technical and support staff

- New staff category
- Broad category encompassing all technical and non doctoral scientific profiles
- No doctoral work within the framework of this position
- Institutions ensure adequate salary compensation

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Clinical Researchers

- PhD and Post-docs : 2 + 2 + 2 = up to 6 yrs
- Hospital is the employer of this staff, FNRS reimburses half of the full-time annual cost (annual limit 57 – 75 k€)
- Warning: if Lux. Application → refer to Kiwanis for more information

Rules and Regulations



Terms of use

- Funding available for the duration of the agreement, increased by a period of 12 months
- No change of staff position during the project
- Essential information on recruited staff must be transmitted by the promoter via e-space (name, category, date of hiring) - See Article 58



Rules and Regulations

Terms of use

- Budgetary transfers between staff and operating costs are not authorized
- Instead of final reports, FNRS will collect ex-post quantitative indicators and the list of publications linked to the awarded funding



Scientific Commission

- 21 members (6 FWB / 15 HFWB)
- Appointment by COMA/Board procedure
- 2 Presidents & 1 observer appointed by the Board
 - Prof. Marc Vidal (Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, USA)
 - Prof. Yvan de Launoit (CNRS – France)
 - Prof. Arsène Burny

Q & A



- In the context of a grant (PhD thesis) funded by Télévie, is the selection of a doctoral candidate subject to specific eligibility criteria? (For example, time elapsed since obtaining the master's degree or type of master's degree obtained?)
- **The only eligibility criteria : The candidate must be enrolled in a doctoral program within the host institution – See Article 29**

Q & A



- Is a renewal request for a Télévie grant for a doctoral student counted among the maximum of 3 applications per promoter ?
- **No as stated in article 60 – Renewals are never taken into account with regards the limit of 3 positions / call**
- Are doctoral grant renewals due in 2026 affected by this new model ? In other words, could one benefit from €60,000 in operating funds for renewals due in 2026 ?
- **No, PhD students granted before 2026 will follow the previous rules**

Q & A



- A researcher could request up to: 3 post-doc salaries for 2 years, i.e., 3 x €120,000 x 2 = €720,000 + €180,000 in operating costs (3 x €60,000)

For a TOTAL of €900,000 - Is this really reasonable?

- **In theory, Yes**
- **Such level of ambition should be supported with a very strong proposal or several proposals**
- **The Scientific Commission evaluates the budget adequacy with regards to the proposal and could operate budget cuts if required**



Next steps

- Webinar recording available online
- All supporting documents available online
- Ask questions @ credits-projets@frs-fnrs.be
- Call opens on January 15th 2026
- FNRS will answer questions during the Télévie seminar on 28/01/2026
- Call closes on February 18th 2026

Conclusion & Tips by the Presidents



It is essential to quote Télévie, FNRS and Kiwanis Luxembourg in your research outputs and outreach activities – See regulations for instructions

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