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1. SCHEDULE

Publication of the call: Tuesday 28th January 2020.

Access to the form on the F.R.S.-FNRS [e-space](#) web-based application for the online submission:
Monday 3rd February 2020.

INSTRUMENTS		TÉLÉVIE CALL 2020			
		DEADLINE ¹ TO ACCESS THE E-FORM	ELECTRONIC VALIDATION DEADLINES ¹		
			MAIN PROMOTER	CO-PROMOTERS	RECTOR
Standard Télévie	TLV	Wednesday 4 th March at 2 p.m.	Thursday 5 th March at 2 p.m.	Friday 10 th March at 2 p.m.	Friday 13 th March at 2 p.m.
Télévie Research Project	PDR-TLV		APPLICANT	PROMOTER	
Grant F.R.S.-FNRS – Télévie Renewal	GRANT-REN	-	Thursday 5 th March at 2 p.m.	Friday 10 th March at 2 p.m.	

The F.R.S.-FNRS will give access to the electronic form via the [e-space](#) application to the Télévie fellows who are eligible for a grant renewal (GRANT-REN).

The decision to allocate the grants will be made by the Board of Trustees of the F.R.S.-FNRS in June 2020. Télévie projects will start on 1st October 2020.

2. INSTRUMENTS

Télévie Call instruments are featured in the table below.

	Duration	Budget	Features	
Standard Télévie TLV	1 year or 2 years	No limitation	Single or cross-university project	
			➤ Personnel ²	Employer
			○ Ph.D. student (no CV required)	F.R.S.-FNRS
			○ Part-time Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D. (no CV required)	Hospital
			○ Identified postdoc with salary requested for 2 years	F.R.S.-FNRS
			○ Identified part-time Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist requested for 2 years	Hospital
			○ Identified Short-term Postdoctoral Researcher with grant requested for 2 years	University
			○ Non-doctoral Researcher	University
			○ Technician	University
			➤ Operating Equipment ³	

¹ All times are Brussels local time.

² Certain categories of personnel are subject to an annual limit referred under section 5.3.

³ Only small equipment relevant to carry out the project will be considered.

	Duration	Budget	Features	
Télévie Research Project PDR-TLV	2 years	Max. €250k ⁴	Ambitious cross-university project	
			➤ Personnel	Employer
			○ Min. 1 Ph.D. student requested for the project:	
			- Full-time Ph.D. student	University
			- Part-time Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D.	Hospital
			○ Identified postdoc with salary requested for 2 years	University
			○ Identified part-time Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist requested for 2 years	Hospital
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			○ Non-doctoral Researcher	University
			○ Technician	University
			➤ Operating	
			➤ Equipment: €200k max. for the duration of the project	

For all categories of personnel to be recruited as part of the PDR-TLV, the promoter shall contact the relevant department of her/his university to obtain an estimate of the personnel costs based on the scientific seniority. **Those amounts cannot be changed after application submission.** Additionally, certain categories of personnel are subject to an annual limit referred under section 5.3.

3. APPENDICES

Deadlines for receiving documents

Personnel categories	Deadlines in 2020	Document
Postdoctoral researcher, Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist and Short-term Postdoctoral Researcher	Thursday 5 th March	Certificate of achievement or copy of the doctoral degree to attach to the form.
	Friday 1 st May	In case the applicant is not yet holder of a Ph.D. by 5 th March 2020: the certificate of achievement or the copy of the doctoral degree must be sent by email to credits-projets@frs-fnrs.be .
Télévie fellow applying for a grant renewal	Monday 1 st June ⁵	Advisory opinion from the Supervisory Panel (Thesis Advisory Committee).

4. CHANGES COMPARED TO CALL 2019

4.1 Justification in case of multiple Standard Télévie applications

A promoter who submits multiple Standard Télévie applications within the same call will have to justify them by showing either the links between the different projects or the differences among the submitted applications.

4.2 Personnel category: Technician

Holders of a Master's degree (or equivalent) or a Ph.D. cannot be recruited under the Technician category.

4.3 New personnel category: Non-doctoral Researcher

⁴ Annual average for the duration of the project.

⁵ The deadline for the Advisory opinion by the Supervisory Panel is generally on 31st May. In 2020, it falls on a Sunday so the deadline is postponed to the next business day.

Holders of a Master's degree can be requested in the new Non-doctoral Researcher category. This category is subject to an annual limit mentioned in section 5.3.

The Non-doctoral Researcher is not allowed to be enrolled in a Ph.D. programme and s/he cannot apply for a Ph.D. programme.

4.4 New personnel category: part-time Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D. (replacing part-time Specialist Doctor Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D.)

Objective	<p>The applicant to a part-time Clinical Ph.D. (in Medical Sciences or Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences) shall carry out his/her 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 list).</p> <p>The applicant to a Clinical Ph.D. shall simultaneously undertake an Advanced Master or already be a medical specialist.</p> <p><i>* In a university of the French-speaking Community of Belgium which has a faculty of medicine offering a complete curriculum.</i></p>
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	<p>The hospital where the applicant to a part-time Clinical Ph.D. carries out his/her clinical activity is the employer and shall remunerate them.</p> <p>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 referred under section 5.3.</p> <p>Consequently, the hospital-related salary of part-time clinical doctors who are also researchers can be higher than the research-related salary.</p>

4.5 New personnel category: part-time Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist

Objective	<p>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 list).</p> <p><i>* Which has a faculty of medicine offering a complete curriculum, under the supervision of a promoter.</i></p>
Eligibility	<p>The part-time Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist must already be a medical specialist.</p> <p>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.</p>
Duration	Two years, that may be renewed for two years.
Employer	<p>The hospital where part-time Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist carries out his/her clinical activity is the employer and shall remunerate them.</p> <p>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 referred under section 5.3.</p> <p>Consequently, the hospital-related salary of part-time clinical doctors who are also researchers can be higher than the research-related salary.</p>

5. SPECIFIC REMARKS

5.1 Doctoral personnel

The identity of the doctoral personnel is not required when submitting an application. The identity will only be required if the project is granted.

After granting and identification, the doctoral personnel shall **not be replaced in case of discontinuation**.

5.2 Postdoctoral personnel

The requested Postdoctoral Researcher, Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist and Short-term Postdoctoral Researcher 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.

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

Postdoctoral personnel falling under Postdoctoral Researcher and Short-term Postdoctoral categories 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.

5.3 Personnel costs

The categories below are subject to an annual limit, calculated in proportion to the number of days worked. Limitations in force for 2021 are the following:

➤ Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D.	€51,800- (part time)
➤ Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist: - Temporary doctor - Permanent doctor	€51,800- (part time) €68,500- (part time)
➤ Short-term Postdoctoral Researcher	€52,800- (full time)
➤ Non-doctoral Researcher	€35,400- (part time); €70,100- (full time)
➤ Technician	€30,200- (part time); €59,500- (full time)

5.4 Operating credit allocated to researchers (standard TLV instrument)

An operating credit may be provided for the doctoral and postdoctoral personnel according to their fulltime or part-time activity, depending on the available financial resources.

5.5 PDR-TLV cumulation rule

The number of applications that can be submitted within a call as a main promoter is limited to a single application for the PDR-TLV instrument.

Promoters in charge of an ongoing PDR-TLV may only apply for a new PDR-TLV application as from the second year of funding.

5.6 Ethical aspects

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 ethical questions will be required to submit their questionnaire as well as the opinion of the Ethics Committee to the F.R.S.-FNRS only in case the submitted grant is awarded. Effective granting will be subject to a favorable opinion of the Committee.

6. CONTENT OF A PROPOSAL

Applicants will have the choice to write their proposal in French or in English.

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 Commission assessing the application file.

NOTICE: no further changes or modification can be made in the proposal after the validation deadline for the main promoter.

The application file includes the main sections described below:

FORM

FRAMEWORK AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

➤ TLV/PDR-TLV

- References of the application (for the funded proposals, these data are released and made public on the [F.R.S.-FNRS website](#)).
 - **Title**, in French and English (max. 200 characters each, including spaces) and,
 - **Summary**, in French and English (max. 2000 characters each, including spaces).
- Selection of descriptors fields
- Bibliometric indicators + Scientific Curriculum vitae and publications list⁶ (PDF file)
- Scientific proposal (PDF file) and ethical aspects

BUDGET

➤ TLV/PDR-TLV

- Description and justification for the resources requested: operating, equipment and personnel

SCIENTIFIC PART – It is mandatory to use the template available in English or in French.

➤ TLV

[TLV template](#)

1. Brief report on previous works
2. Description of the project
3. Publications and environment of the main promoter
4. Publications of the other promoters
5. Interactions and distribution of the tasks between the main promoter and co-promoters
6. National/international collaborations

➤ PDR-TLV

[PDR-TLV template](#)

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⁶ Promoters who have been working for 2 years at least in institutions of the French-speaking Community of Belgium (CFB) that have set up an institutional repository (IR) must submit their publications list in a PDF format, directly created from this repository, and choose the appropriate F.R.S.-FNRS format.

Luxemburg promoters may complete their publications list using the template provided: [FR](#) - [EN](#).

7. TLV AND PDR-TLV APPLICATIONS EXAMINATION

➤ CRITERIA

Criteria that will be taken into account for the evaluation applications are the following:

- Quality of the promoters,
- Quality of the project,
- Quality of the scientific personnel for the postdoctoral categories.

For the PDR-TLV, the adequacy of the requested budget with regard to the submitted research programme will also be evaluated. The Scientific Commission may reduce the requested budget up to a maximum of 15%. If the adequacy between the research programme and the requested budget is not justified and appears to require a reduction of more than 15%, the research programme will not be deemed fundable.

➤ ASSESSMENT OF THE DOCTORAL PERSONNEL

The CV and identity of the doctoral personnel requested are not required in the application form.

In case the opinion from the Télévie Scientific Commission is positive towards the project, promoters will be invited to propose candidates by the end of June or in mid-September, depending on the candidate's situation, whether s/he is a graduate or about to be graduated in June or in September.

The Bureau of the Scientific Commission will be in charge of the evaluation in two steps:

- CV submitted by the end of June: evaluation between July 2nd and 15th;
- CV submitted after June, until September 15th: evaluation between September 17th and 30th.

CV should be submitted by the promoter, and they will be evaluated by the Bureau of the Scientific Commission via the dedicated platform e-space.

8. 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 "Télévie" 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° [Project number]". The same procedure applies to open access publications.

ALL DOCUMENTS, GUIDES AND REGULATIONS AND PRIVACY POLICY ARE AVAILABLE
AT <https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/reglements-guides> AND <https://www.frs-fnrs.be/en/charte-vie-privee>