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1. SCHEDULE

Opening of the call on the web-based application of the F.R.S.-FNRS [e-space](#) for the online submission: **THURSDAY 1ST APRIL 2021**.

| INSTRUMENTS | | TÉLÉVIE CALL 2021 | | |
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| | | ELECTRONIC VALIDATION DEADLINES ¹ ON E-SPACE | | |
| | | MAIN PROMOTER | CO-PROMOTERS | RECTOR |
| Standard Télévie | TLV | Monday 10 th May at 2 p.m.* | Thursday 13 rd May at 2 p.m. | Monday 17 th May at 2 p.m. |
| Télévie Research Project | PDR-TLV | | | |

*Please note that this is a **fixed deadline** and the applicant will not be able to edit, save or submit the application once this deadline has passed. Please make sure that it is submitted in advance.

Funding decision will be made by the Board of Trustees of the F.R.S.-FNRS in October 2021. Télévie projects will start on 1st November or on 1st December 2021.

2. INSTRUMENTS

Télévie Call instruments are featured in the table below.

| | Duration | Budget | Features | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Standard Télévie TLV | 1 year or 2 years | No limita- tion | Single or cross-university project | |
| | | | ➤ Personnel ² | Employer |
| | | | ○ Full-time Ph.D. student (no CV required) | F.R.S.-FNRS |
| | | | ○ Part-time Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D. (no CV required) | Hospital |
| | | | ○ Identified postdoc requested for 2 years | F.R.S.-FNRS and/or University |
| | | | ○ Identified part-time Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist requested for 2 years | Hospital |
| | | | ○ 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 4.5.

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 requested for 2 years | University |
| | | | ○ Identified part-time Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist requested for 2 years | Hospital |
| | | | ○ 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 service of their university to obtain an estimate of the personnel costs involved based on the scientific seniority. **Those amounts cannot be changed after submitting the application.** Additionally, certain categories of personnel are subject to an annual limit referred under section 4.5.

3. CHANGES COMPARED TO CALL 2020

3.1 Postdoctoral personnel

The Rules and Regulations for Short-term Postdoctoral Researcher (CTP) has been removed. The promoter can still host grantees postdoctoral researchers, in accordance with the Télévie instruments Rules and Regulations.

3.2 Personnel category: Non-doctoral Researcher

Holders of a Master's degree (or equivalent) are eligible for Non-doctoral Researcher category. The Non-doctoral Researcher cannot, under any circumstances, start any personal research work leading to a Ph.D. during the working hours devoted to this function.

This category is subject to an annual limit mentioned in section 4.5.

3.3 VAT exemption as part of a clinic – university collaboration

The decision of the Board of Trustees of F.R.S.-FNRS concerning research projects involving university clinics will apply to the instrument PDR-TLV (see budget section).

The implemented measure allows university clinics to invoice their services without VAT when they are involved in the projects as true research partners in their own right. In order to do this, the involvement of the university clinic (CHU) targeted by the collaboration must be described in the scientific part by assigning it one or more tasks.

The involvement of a university clinic requires a collaboration agreement, to be uploaded in the form or sent by e-mail (credits-projets@frs-fnrs.be) at the latest on the validation date by the rector. This agreement must, at least, contain the following elements: name of the 'CHU', clinical department, head of the department concerned, name of the financial director and name of the university with which the CHU is collaborating.

Warning: Only the services of a CHU or a department of a CHU listed in this [appendix](#) are eligible for VAT exemption.

⁴ Annual average for the duration of the project.

4. SPECIFIC REMARKS

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 PDR-TLV accumulation rules

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.

4.3 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**.

4.4 Postdoctoral personnel

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.

COVID-19 Measure

What happens for the postdoctoral personnel who will not be able to defend their thesis before May 1st?

- The deadline for obtaining the thesis is delayed and set at 23rd September 2021.
- The certificate or copy of the doctoral diploma will have to be delivered for this date.

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.

4.5 Personnel costs

The categories below are subject to an annual limit, calculated in proportion to the number of days worked. Limitations in force for 2022 are the following:

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| ➤ Applicant to a Clinical Ph.D. | €52,900- (part time) |
| ➤ Postdoctoral Clinical Specialist: - Temporary doctor - Permanent doctor | €52,900- (part time) €69,900- (part time) |
| ➤ Non-doctoral Researcher | €36,200- (part time); €71,600- (full time) |
| ➤ Technician | €30,900- (part time); €60,700- (full time) |

4.6 Operating credit allocated to researchers (Standard TLV instrument)

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

4.7 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 favourable opinion of the Committee.

4.8 Open access policy

The F.R.S.-FNRS endorses 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.

The [Regulation](#) 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.

4.9 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° [funding or agreement number]".

5. CONTENT OF A PROPOSAL

Applicants will have the choice of writing their proposal either 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 Commissions assessing the application file.

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

The application file contains the main sections described hereafter:

FORM

FRAMEWORK AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

> TLV/PDR-TLV

1. 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).
2. Selection of descriptors fields
3. Bibliometric indicators
4. Scientific Curriculum vitae + Publications list⁵ of each promoter/co-promoter
5. Scientific section (see template)
6. Ethical aspects

⁵ 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](#).

FORM

BUDGET

➤ TLV/PDR-TLV

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

SCIENTIFIC SECTION – PLEASE USE THE TEMPLATE PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE

➤ 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. TLV AND PDR-TLV APPLICATIONS EXAMINATION

➤ CRITERIA

Criteria that will be taken into account for the evaluation of 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, 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.

ALL DOCUMENTS, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PRIVACY POLICY ARE AVAILABLE AT

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