

# F.R.S.-FNRS MINI-GUIDE PDR-THEMA CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES CALL 2019

## 1. SCHEDULE

**Opening** of the call on the web-based application of the F.R.S.-FNRS '[SEMAPHORE](#)' for online submission: **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019**.

**Deadlines** are detailed in the table below.

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DEADLINE TO ACCESS THE ELECTRONIC FORM	DEADLINE <sup>1</sup> FOR THE ELECTRONIC VALIDATION		
	MAIN PROMOTER	CO-PROMOTERS	RECTOR
Monday July 15 <sup>th</sup> 2019 At 2 p.m.	Tuesday July 16 <sup>th</sup> 2019 At 2 p.m.	Tuesday July 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2019 At 2 p.m.	Tuesday July 30 <sup>th</sup> 2019 At 2 p.m.

Funding decision will be taken by the decision-making bodies of the F.R.S.-FNRS. The starting date of the instrument is the following: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

## 2. INSTRUMENT'S CHARACTERISTICS AND THEMATIC FRAMEWORK

This call aims at funding **4-year research projects** on **cardiovascular diseases** in a broad sense. There is no additional thematic constraint. The jury will have to consider whether a project is qualified in case the topic addressed is out of the scope at hand. All scientific approaches and techniques are qualified: molecular biology, public health, modelling, clinical trials, preclinical studies, medical engineering...

	Duration	Limits €/project	Nature
PDR-THEMA-CARDIO	4 years	450	Operating costs, equipment, personnel.

### Call features

- Personnel costs are optional and not subject to limitation.
- Remuneration for personnel employed is not capped.

Categories	Activity	
	Part time	Full time
Doctoral Researcher	x	x
Postdoctoral Researcher	x	x
Technician	x	x

Concerning doctoral researchers, only candidates who are able to justify that they are pursuing a clinical activity during the project concerned are allowed to be engaged in a part-time activity.

<sup>1</sup> All times are Brussels local time.

- Equipment costs are limited to 30% of the total budget requested.
- Subcontracting is limited to 20% of the total budget requested.
- Budget may be requested for institutions outside FWB, and is limited to 20% of the total budget requested.
- Transfer between expense items may be accepted during the project, subject to notification to the F.R.S.-FNRS.

### 3. CUMULATION RULES

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One may combine several F.R.S.-FNRS funding schemes, e.g., CDR, PDR and EQP PINT-BILAT-P, PINT-BILAT-M, PINT-MULTI. However the PDR-THEMA submitted may differ from other on-going funded projects. One may not re-submit a project already funded.

No specific cumulation rules apply to PDR-THEMA calls, except the following one: the number of applications that can be submitted as a main promoter or co-promoter is limited to a single application per PDR-THEMA call.

In case of recurring PDR-THEMA calls on the same theme, laureates may not apply for the next edition if its closing date<sup>2</sup> is set before 18 months following the previous edition.

### 4. EX-ANTE EVALUATION

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#### **Evaluation process**

Two-step evaluation procedure:

- Remote evaluation
- Evaluation by a Panel appointed by the Board of Trustees of the F.R.S.-FNRS. The panel is composed of experts working outside the French-speaking community of Belgium.

#### **Evaluation criteria**

CRITERIA	WEIGHT
Quality of the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ academic CV</li> <li>➤ international recognition</li> <li>➤ ability to conduct the submitted research</li> </ul>	40%
Quality of the research project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ novelty of the hypotheses and methodology</li> <li>➤ sound concept and theories</li> <li>➤ feasibility (including adequacy of the work environment)</li> </ul>	40%
Potential impact on the field of cardiovascular diseases (including the translational approach of the project)	20%

The expert Panel shall assess the adequacy between the budget requested and the research project submitted. The Panel may reduce the requested budget up to a maximum of 15%. If the adequacy between the research project and the requested budget is not justified and appears to require a reduction of more than 15%, the research project will not be deemed fundable.

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<sup>2</sup>In this case, the closing date is the validation deadline fixed for the main promoter-applicant on the platform.

## 5. EX-POST EVALUATION

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Promoters whose projects have been funded shall submit a final report upon request of the F.R.S.-FNRS which will contact them when the project expires after 4 years.

## 6. EXEMPTIONS WITH REGARD TO PDR-THEMA REGULATIONS

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The PDR-THEMA Call 2019 does not provide for any exemption with regard to the PDR-THEMA Regulations in force.

## 7. CONTENT AND STRUCTURE OF A PROPOSAL

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Applicants will have the choice to write their proposal either in French or in English. For some fields, using English can broaden the number of experts likely to take part in the evaluations.

It is recommended to applicants to submit their application in English. Should the application file be submitted in French, the F.R.S.-FNRS may require the applicant to provide a translation in English for the purpose of conducting the [ex-ante evaluation](#).

The applicants choose from 2 to 6 descriptor fields in order of importance and may complete this selection by adding unrestricted keywords.

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 Panel assessing the application file.

The application file contains the main sections described in the table below:

<b>PRE-FORM</b> - For administrative use only
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<b>FULL FORM</b>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Application reference</li><li>2. Descriptor field selection</li><li>3. Bibliometric indicators<br/>+ Curriculum vitae and Publications list (PDF files)</li><li>4. Scientific proposal (PDF file) &amp; Ethical aspects</li><li>5. Requested budget (for each year)</li><li>6. (Co-)Promoter(s)' statement</li></ol> |
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<b>SCIENTIFIC SECTION - PLEASE USE THE TEMPLATE PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE</b>
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<a href="#">PDR-THEMA template</a>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Brief report on previous works</li><li>2. Description of the project</li><li>3. Publications and environment of the main promoter</li><li>4. Publications of the co-promoter(s) (if applicable)</li><li>5. Interactions and distribution of the tasks among the main promoter and the co-promoters (if applicable)</li><li>6. Description and justification of the requested budget</li><li>7. Additional comments (optional)</li></ol> |
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