

**Country:** Belgium (Flanders)  
**Organisation:** Research  
 Foundation – Flanders (FWO)

This document contains **information on specific requirements** for researchers applying for funding by the funding organisation indicated above. To make sure that your application is fully in line with the specific requirements and to receive latest information, please contact the respective **national contact person**. Not fulfilling the requirements may lead to ineligibility of the application.

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**Eligibility**

<b>Eligible Institutions and proposals</b>	The FWO participates with two of its project funding channels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Fundamental research (FO)</li> <li>➔ Strategic Basic Research (SBO)</li> </ul> Dependent on the type of research (fundamental/strategic) that will be performed, researchers applying for FWO funding have to carefully select their funding channel and write their proposal in such a way that it complies with the applicable regulations, for example: <p><i>FO projects:</i>                  Basic principles are observed and reported.</p> <p><i>SBO projects:</i>                  The <b>valorisation aspect</b>, impact and innovation goals, which, if scientifically successful, can open up prospects for economic or societal applications, have to be clear.</p> Consequently, researchers have to make sure they comply with the eligibility criteria of the funding channel they select.
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	<p>For 'FO' the 'Research Project' regulations apply: <a href="https://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/research-projects/research-project/">https://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/research-projects/research-project/</a></p> <p>For 'SBO' the 'Regulations Strategic Basic Research' apply: <a href="https://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/research-projects/sbo-projects/regulations-strategic-basic-research-(sbo)/">https://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/research-projects/sbo-projects/regulations-strategic-basic-research-(sbo)/</a></p> <p>On the basis of the nature of the proposal and the involved researcher(s) the FWO administration will decide on the eligibility of the proposal. Again, it is thus of utmost importance that the proposal complies with the specific regulations and eligibility requirements of the respective funding channel.</p> <p><b>We therefore urge researchers to contact the FWO contact points before submission, in order to verify the researchers' eligibility and avoid the ineligibility of the project proposal/consortium as a whole.</b></p>
<p><b>Additional requirements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The FWO administration will contact the applicants after the pre-proposal submission deadline (and possibly also the full proposal, if applicable) in order to verify the choice of funding channel.</li> <li>- Researchers are obliged to inform their host institution (research coordination units (DOCs)) about their participation, for administrative purposes. The FWO can assist in this matter (e.g. contacts). Additionally, in view of the GDPR regulations, explicit consent will be asked from the researchers, after submission of the project proposal, to deliver some basic information about their participation to the relevant host institutions.</li> </ul>

## Budget

<p><b>Total earmarked national budget</b></p>	<p>700.000 EUR</p>
<p><b>Anticipated no. of funded groups</b></p>	<p>2-3</p>
<p><b>Budget restrictions</b></p>	<p>350.000 EUR per project/consortium</p>
<p><b>Eligible costs</b></p>	<p>The max. amount that can be requested per project is 350.000 EUR, overhead <b>included</b>.</p> <p><u>For FO projects:</u></p> <p>Funding money can be used for staff (temporary; permanent staff cannot be appointed on FWO budget), consumables (incl. travelling) and equipment.</p>

A mandatory 6% overhead cost has to be included in the requested funding. This overhead cost of 6% on the applied for budget needs to be inserted in the 'overhead' category.

For SBO projects:

The specific SBO funding regulations apply:

<https://www.fwo.be/media/652551/Cost-model-SBO-and-TBM-2017.pdf>