

Fund Sophia

Research on Multiple System Atrophy and related diseases

CALL FOR PROJECTS 2021 - 2022

The Fund Sophia was created to support medical scientific research on neurodegenerative diseases. Priority will be given to research projects with focus on Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) or related diseases characterized by parkinsonism, but excluding idiopathic Parkinson's disease. The Fund Sophia is managed by the King Baudouin Foundation with the help of an international scientific jury and a management committee.

Subject of the call

The Fund is launching a third call for projects. The topic of this call is:

Medical scientific research on multiple system atrophy (MSA) or related diseases characterized by parkinsonism, excluding idiopathic Parkinson's disease.

Selection criteria

Scientific quality of the project

- Quality of the research: Design, including a timeline, statistics, sample calculation, feasibility, potential etc ... Innovative approaches
- Relevance/added-value of the research to existing knowledge
- For translational and clinical research: the project addresses clearly identified health issues related to MSA and related diseases characterized by parkinsonism.

Track record

- Track record and career potential of project leader (creativity, management skills, international visibility etc...)
- Potential of the research team & collaborating teams: scientific environment, competence, experience, added-value from the collaboration.

Perspective of implementation of the results

- Communication & knowledge transfer steps
- Plan of implementation & follow up of the research results

Budget

- Adequacy of the budget

Ethical questions & Clinical trials

- Are there any related to the research and how the applicant intends to take these into account?
- Researchers should obtain Ethical Approval for the studies before the project can start.



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Eligible applicants

The call is open to researchers working in universities or research centers in countries that are part of the European Union or in the United Kingdom. Applicants must have obtained at least a doctoral degree. The funding should enable the researcher/research team to launch a new research line or to continue an existing research project.

For-profit organizations (e.g. pharmaceutical companies) can be part of a research team but are excluded from funding.

Grants

A financial support up to € 150.000 will be given to a research project covering a period of 2 years.

Procedure

If interested, please submit an online application via the website of the King Baudouin Foundation www.kbs-frb.be. The applications must be introduced online by **12 January 2022 at the latest**.

Candidates will receive confirmation that their application was received.

The applications will be evaluated by an independent external international jury. The final selection will be made by the management committee of the Fund **in March 2022**. All parties will be informed of the decision in **April 2022** at the latest.

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