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ACTIONS

Fellowship program Connect with Wallonia – Come 2 Wallonia

- Research training and career development program for post-docs
- Based on incoming mobility
- Focus on interdisciplinarity
- 30 fellowships of 24 months each
 - 2 calls for proposals to recruit 15 Fellows each
- Total funding : 4,5 M€

Timeline



Eligibility criteria for the applicants

- 📋 Experienced Researcher (ER)
 - Any nationality
 - No age restrictions apply
 - Fluent in English
- 📋 In possession of a doctoral degree or has at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience at the call deadline
- 📋 International mobility : The ER cannot have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Belgium for more than 12 months in the three years before the deadline of the call



Eligibility criteria for the project

- ✍️ Full freedom to choose the topic of the research project within the research areas of the 21 interdisciplinary Research Institutes of UMONS & UNamur
- ✍️ Proposals must describe a 2-year research project + secondment (Applicants must include a Letter of Support from their secondment host)
- ✍️ All projects must adhere to the C2W ethics standards



Eligibility criteria for PIs and co-PIs

- ✂ Applicants have full freedom in the choice of their PIs
- ✂ The co-PI will be suggested by the PI and nominated in agreement with the applicant
To ensure the interdisciplinary nature of the research, the Fellow will be supervised by a co-PI with skills in a discipline other than that of the PI.
- ✂ PI (and the co-PI) will be a professor or a senior researcher with a permanent position in UMONS or UNamur
- ✂ Her/His permanent position entails regular checks of her/his resumé and thus ensures quality of the PI (and co-PI)

At the proposal preparation stage, the proposed PIs have the following responsibilities:

1) s/he must support the applicant in drafting the proposal; and 2) s/he must support the Fellow in identifying a suitable secondment 3) Suggest a co-PI.



Eligibility criteria for secondments

- ✍️ Secondments should add an intersectoral and/or interdisciplinary dimension
Be relevant, feasible, and beneficial for the researcher and the project
- ✍️ They may be undertaken to academic and non-academic partners
- ✍️ Encouraged to choose a secondment in another country
- ✍️ Secondments may last between 1 and 6 months and may be split in several shorter ones, and must be implemented between M4 – M18 of the fellowship
- ✍️ The PI and co-PI shall support the applicant in finding a suitable secondment
- ✍️ The secondment supervisor must be a person with high-level experience related to the project
- ✍️ Applicants must include a Letter of Support from their secondment host



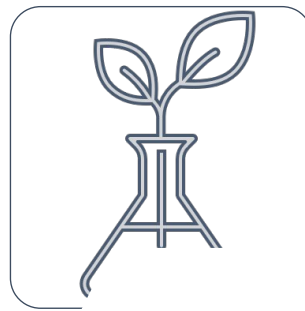
Selection procedure



Eligibility
check
(1 week)



Remote
peer review
(10 weeks)



Ethical
check
(4 weeks)



Remote
interview
(3 days)



Ranked list
+ Funding
decision
(1 week)

Panel of 3 external evaluators
=> Consensus meeting



The applicant must identify a supervisor at UMONS/UNamur and obtain a letter of acceptance from them.

Evaluation criterias

Excellence (60%)	Impact (25%)	Quality and efficiency of the implementation (15%)
<p>Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project; appropriate consideration of gender aspects if any</p>	<p>Enhancing the future career prospects of the researcher after the fellowship</p>	<p>Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources</p>
<p>Specific focus on level of interdisciplinarity of the project (including relevance of co-PI and secondments)</p>		
<p>Specific focus on level of innovativeness of the project</p>	<p>Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results</p>	<p>Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures, including risk management</p>
<p>Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host</p>		
<p>Quality of the PIs and co-PI, of supervision and of the integration in the team/institution (including secondments)</p>	<p>Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences</p>	<p>Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure) and relevance of the secondment in terms of complementarity</p>
<p>Potential of the researcher to reach or re-enforce professional maturity/independence during the fellowship</p>		



Financial structure of the fellowship

Cost categories		Income (€/month)	Amount
Fellow-related costs	Gross Living allowance	4260,00 €/month	
	<i>Indicative net amount</i>	<i>2800€/month</i>	
	Mobility allowance	500,00 €/month	
	Family allowance	250,00 €/month	
Research-related costs	Research costs *	400,00 €/month	
	Training costs	104,00 €/month	



The fellowship contract is subject the provisions of the **Belgian Social Security** System covering :

- Health insurance
- Maternity leave
- Sick pay in case of hospitalization
- Disability insurance
- National pension system (depending of the nationality)
- National unemployment system (depending of the nationality)
- Insurance against workplace accidents
- Family benefits and provisions towards occupational diseases

* Research cost will differ according to the selected panel

Communication



- Website + call documentation including template Research proposal

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