

## National annex: Belgium – Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)

### Eligibility

Concerning applications for FWO funding under this ERA-NET call, the FWO-regulation on the regular research projects is applicable (<http://www.fwo.be/Documentatie.aspx?ID=399b8594-9710-4771-9289-426ff73731e1>).

In article 9 of that regulation it is stated who can apply as a (co)promoter for a research project.

**Promoters** have to fulfil at least one of the following conditions:

- a professor with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university;
- a professor with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and a main task as researcher;
- a professor with an appointment of 5% at a Flemish university and with an appointment as (assistant) clinical head or an equal function in a university hospital;
- an academic staff member with an appointment at the Evangelical Protestant Faculty in Leuven and the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels;
- a research director of FWO;
- a Flemish beneficiary of an ERC Starting Grant, an ERC Advanced Grant or an allowance in the FWO-funding programme Odysseus II.

All **co-promoters** have to be researchers at at least postdoctoral level in at least one of the following types of organizations:

- a Flemish university;
- a Flemish research institution;
- a Flemish university hospital;
- the Transnational university Limburg;
- a federal scientific institution, if the co-promoter belongs to the Dutch language register.

Researchers from outside Flanders can be involved as co-promoter without being entitled to receive funding from the FWO and insofar this cooperation is relevant for the project.

If more than one university is involved in the project, at least one promoter of each university has to fulfill the above mentioned eligibility criteria as well as to occupy a position covering entirely the period of the project that is applied for.

The criteria have to be met with at the start of the project at the latest, which has to be proven at the date of the submission.

### Funding modalities

The maximum funding per project is 200.000 Euros to be shared between participating Flemish partners. Funding money can be used for staff, consumables and infrastructure.

The minimal and maximal amount of money allowed per cost category, as applicable for the regular FWO-projects, are not applicable for the projects funded by FWO in ERA-NET. However, for staff costs the same lump sums are applicable as in the regular projects, i.e.: 60.000 € for a scientific staff member and 50.000 € for a technical staff member.

Moreover, FWO pays the host institutions of a project 6% overhead on top of the funding amount.

Funding cannot be used for training activities, apart from the opportunity for a researcher appointed within the project to obtain a PhD on the basis of the results from his/her project research.

For more details, see the above mentioned regulation on the FWO website.

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