

General regulation

Mandates for Translational & Clinical oncology research

- Purpose of the mandate

The aim of the **Mandates for translational & clinical oncology research** is to strengthen the research potential of physicians at the specialist & the PhD level, who successfully combine translational or clinical oncology research with their clinical activity related to cancer care.

By focusing on permanent staff and supporting university hospitals, the Mandate aims at long-term effects.

- Terms and conditions

At the time of application submission, the candidate must:

- be a medical specialist and have a clinical staff position in a **Belgian university hospital**, holding a contract of indefinite duration at the date of the Mandate start and for the whole length of the Mandate;
- hold a **PhD** in biomedical sciences;
- be younger than **45 years** old.

The mandate is personal and can only be used to finance **0.5 FTE** dedicated to translational or clinical oncology research. It has a duration of **5 years** and can be renewed once for 5 years through a new application and selection by the Scientific Board of the Foundation against Cancer.

During the Mandate and within the framework of her/his research project, the candidate is authorized to program a stay abroad for maximum 12 months. The additional cost of the stay however is not financed by the Foundation against Cancer.

The CEO of the employer (i.e the CEO of the university hospital) must certify in writing that:

- the recipient has a permanent staff position or will acquire one within a year of signing the Mandate contract;
- that the recipient will benefit from 0.5 FTE of her/his time for her/his clinical research.

If the candidate breaks her/his contract within the university hospital, this mandate will be automatically terminated.

The head of the research program must declare her/his support.



• Selection criteria

The main criteria for evaluating applications will be:

- For the candidate:
 - Publications
 - Professional expertise
 - Role of the applicant in the development of the project
- For the project:
 - Innovation
 - Feasibility
 - Clinical implication of the results

• Financial Coverage of the Mandate

- The Mandate covers 50% of the salary of the recipient with a **maximum of 60.000 € per year**.
- The Mandate is initially financed for 1 year and automatically prolonged for 2x2 more years if the terms and conditions are fulfilled. Interim evaluation will be conducted at end of year 1 and year 3. Funding for the following years requires a favorable evaluation of the scientific report. Evaluations may include on-site visits.
- The Mandate will begin in **October 2021**

• Submission procedure and selection of candidates

Round 1: The application form must be completed online via the CC Tracker platform:

<https://grants.cancer.be/Login.aspx>.

The deadline for submitting applications is **March 25, 2021 at 1 PM**.

After validation of the application, the Scientific Council will evaluate the application based on the different above-mentioned criteria and will select the candidates for round 2.

Round 2: Retained candidates will be invited to defend their project at the Foundation's headquarters, on **June 3, 2021 between 5.30 and 9.30 PM**. This oral presentation, with data-projection, will be in English, will not exceed 15 minutes and will be followed by a discussion with members of the Scientific Council.

The selected candidates will be proposed by the Scientific Council to the Board of Directors of the Foundation against Cancer for final decision.

The results will be communicated to the candidates in **July 2021**.



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- Number of mandates available for the year 2021

A maximum of 5 mandates will be granted.