



Foundation against Cancer

## **“Advanced Technology Equipment 2022”**

### **General regulations**

In 2022, on an exceptional basis, the Foundation against Cancer (FAC) makes a total budget of 10 million euros available to finance advanced technology equipment for fundamental cancer research in Belgian universities.

#### **1. Applicants.**

Each application must be submitted by a lead applicant active in fundamental cancer research at a Belgian university with a complete Faculty of medicine. The equipment will be installed in the premises (laboratory or core facility) of the university.

A lead applicant may submit only one application. Several applications may come from the same university.

Joint applications are possible, with one lead applicant and no more than two co-applicants each of them from other Belgian universities than that of the lead applicant.

An investigator may be lead applicant for one application and co-applicant for one other application, or co-applicant for two applications.

#### **2. Eligible costs.**

An application aims at financing the acquisition of a single piece of equipment, with a budget of minimum 300 000 € and maximum 1 000 000 €.

The funding covers the cost of the equipment and its installation by the manufacturer or its installer (including VAT).

It may also cover a maintenance contract for up to 5 years, or part of such a contract, limited to a yearly maintenance cost of 5% of the purchase cost of the equipment. The sum of equipment + maintenance costs cannot exceed 1 000 000 €.

**If VAT can be recovered by the university, its amount has to be deducted from the requested funding.**

The funding is not intended to cover the costs of related infrastructure, operation, personnel, repair or insurance.



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The acquired equipment must be accessible, under reasonable conditions, to interested Belgian fundamental cancer research teams. This accessibility will have to be contractually guaranteed in the agreement between the FAC and the university of the lead applicant.

### 3. Selection of the applications

Selection will be made by an independent panel consisting of members of the Fundamental Scientific Board of the Foundation against Cancer and specially appointed international experts.

The following criteria, in decreasing order of importance, will be among those taken into account:

- Prior scientific achievements of the lead applicant and co-applicant(s) and strengths of their teams
- Expected achievements with the requested equipment, scientific quality of the proposed work and pertinence for cancer research
- Technical justification for the requested equipment
- Organization and conditions of accessibility to other research teams

Selected applications will be proposed for approval by the FAC's Board of Directors.

**Selection of the projects made by the jury and approved by the Board of Directors of the FAC cannot be challenged.**

### 4. Administration

Application Form to be completed in English via the online Grant Management Platform and submitted by the lead applicant no later than February 8, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

An agreement between the FAC, the lead applicant and the beneficiary university will be established and signed by all parties.

The payment will be done in the 2 weeks after obtaining from the lead applicant:

- the invoice(s) for the purchase of the relevant equipment, and of the maintenance costs if applicable;
- the calculation of the requested budget (see section 2);
- the written confirmation of final acceptance of the equipment (Certification of the complete installation of the equipment and its start-up).

Purchase and installation of the equipment must be completed no later than June, 30, 2023.