

Terms and practical information

- *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*

- The Mandate has a duration of **5 years** and might possibly be prolonged only once for an additional 5 years; following positive advice from the Scientific Board of the Foundation against Cancer.
- The Mandate is intended for financing **0.5 FTE** dedicated to translational or clinical research.
- 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 guarantee in writing that the recipient has a permanent staff position or will acquire one within a year of signing the Mandate contract. If the candidate breaks her/his contract within the university hospital, this mandate will be automatically terminated.
- The CEO of the employer must guarantee in writing that the recipient will benefit from 0.5 FTE of her/his time for her/his clinical research.
- The head of the research program must declare her/his support.
- The Mandate is personal.
- You are 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.
- **You hold a PhD in biomedical sciences at the deadline date of this application.**
- You are younger than **45** years of age at the deadline date of this application.

- *Selection criteria*

The following selection criteria will be taken particularly into account for the selection of candidates:

- Curriculum vitae of the candidate & her/his publications
- Innovation of the project
- Clinical implication of the expected results
- Feasibility of the project

- *Financial Coverage of the Mandate*

- The Mandate covers maximum 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. Evaluations may include on-site visits.

- *Submission procedure and selection of candidates are in two rounds*

Round 1: The application form must be completed via the attached form. It is to be transmitted electronically to Mrs. **Patricia Servais** (Scientific Grants Manager): pservais@cancer.be.

The deadline for submitting applications is **March 25, 2019 at 12:00 O'clock (midday)**.

After verification of the application's acceptability, it will be evaluated by the Foundation against Cancer's clinical research Scientific Council, who will make a first selection.

Round 2: Candidates retained on the shortlist will be invited by the clinical research Scientific Council to come and personally defend their project at the Foundation against Cancer's headquarters, on **May 28, 2019** in the late afternoon (17u30 <-> 20.00). This oral presentation, with or without data-projection, will be in English and will not exceed 15 minutes. It will be followed by a discussion with the members of the Scientific Council.

The final selection of candidates will be proposed by the Scientific Council to the Board of Directors for ratification and final decision for funding.

The results will be communicated to the candidates in **July 2019**.

- *Number of mandates available for the year 2019*

As part of the 2019 call, a **maximum of 4 mandates** will be granted.