

## SCHEDULE

- **Opening** of the call on the F.R.S.-FNRS Web-based application [SEMAPHORE](#) for the online submission: **TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**
- **Last day to request the access to an electronic form:**  
**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014 AT 2 PM (GMT+1)**
- **The ultimate deadlines for the online validations** are detailed in the table below.

PERSON CONCERNED	VALIDATION DEADLINES IN 2014 AT 2PM (GMT+1)
Main promoter <sup>1</sup>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Promoter/co-promoter <sup>2</sup>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Rector <sup>3</sup>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March

## GEQ INSTRUMENT CRITERIA

An application made through the "Large Equipment (GEQ)" instrument enables to seek a funding for the purchase of equipment or an experimental device whose **VAT-included cost is above €200,000 and equal to or lower than €500,000.**

The F.R.S.-FNRS will cover from 60% to 90% of the budget (incl. VAT) requested for the equipment in accordance with the decision of the Board of Trustees and within the limits of its budget.

One or a couple of tenders (catalogue, price list, offers from eventual suppliers...) shall accompany the budget request.

The technical and dedicated facilities strictly necessary for the installation of the equipment are not included in the cost thereof, and cannot be considered as a contribution from the co-financing university of the promoter.

## PROMOTERS

Promoter-applicants<sup>4</sup> for each institution involved in the research programme must be:

- either Research Associate, Senior Research Associate or Research Director of the F.R.S.-FNRS,
- or researchers holding a permanent position or enjoying a probationary position (equivalent to an open-ended position) within a university of the French-speaking Community of Belgium, an academic military institution or a state scientific institution.

<sup>1</sup> The validation by the main promoter, spokesperson responsible towards the F.R.S.-FNRS administration: it accounts as a confirmation that the application is complete.

<sup>2</sup> The validation by the promoter(s)/co-promoter(s) acts as an electronic signature.

<sup>3</sup> The validation by the research unit (or Board of Education) of each university involved in the project: each university will be asked to validate the application form as soon as all the promoters of the said application have completed their validation.

<sup>4</sup> The same applies to co-promoter-applicants.

## APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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The promoters will have the choice to write their proposal either in French or English. For some fields, choosing English can broaden the number of experts likely to take part in the evaluations.

## SELECTION PROCEDURE (EX-ANTE EVALUATION)

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The Board of Trustees of the F.R.S.-FNRS has adopted the principle of a **two-step procedure**:

➤ **Step 1: individual evaluations**

Each proposal is evaluated by several remote individual experts, according to an evaluation grid known to the promoters (see "evaluation criteria").

➤ **Step 2: a dedicated Scientific Commission**

Each proposal is assigned to a rapporteur who will prepare an evaluation report project based on the individual evaluations of the first step. The report project will be discussed, amended and validated by the Scientific Commission and then, it will be transferred to the main promoter after the Board of Trustees of the F.R.S.-FNRS has made a decision.

The fields covered by the individual experts are defined according to [a list of descriptor fields](#). This list includes the ERC's descriptor fields completed with keywords, which reflect the specificities of research in the French-speaking Community of Belgium.

The main promoter chooses from 2 to 6 descriptor fields in order of importance and s/he completes this choice, if necessary, by adding unrestricted keywords. Through the synthesis of this information along with the summary of the project, the promoter guides the FNRS in the selection of individual experts (step1).

If necessary, the main promoter indicates up to 3 experts s/he does not wish to have as reviewers and states the reasons.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA – EVALUATION REPORT

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The promoter is free to consult the [evaluation guide](#) intended for experts in order to have a better understanding of the proposal's evaluation.

See below the evaluation criteria that will be taken into account in order of importance:

<b>CRITERIA</b>
➤ <b>Qualities of the promoter(s) and possible equipment users:</b> CV and publications, International recognition Main research achievements
➤ <b>Qualities of the research programme(s):</b> Feasibility Methodology and relevance Originality Collaborations
➤ <b>Requested equipment features:</b> Choice in terms of technicality and performance The need, potential duplication Usage (utilisation rate) Capability and Capacity (expertise, infrastructure) Correspondence between the tender and the requested equipment

## OPEN ACCESS POLICY

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The Board of Trustees of the F.R.S.-FNRS has decided to endorse the principle of Open access to publicly funded research. This support has led to the implementation of an institutional mandate providing Open access to publications from F.R.S.-FNRS funded research projects and researchers under the "Open Access Green Road" business model.

This [mandate](#) specifies the conditions under which the F.R.S.-FNRS grant recipients shall store, when possible, all the funded research results of which they are authors or co-authors in their institution's repository.

### Reminder to the research community:

Any scientific publication which has benefited from a grant from the FNRS shall mention the source of the funding as follows: "This work was supported by the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS under Grant(s) n° [ID number]". The same procedure applies to open access publications.

**ALL THE DOCUMENTS, GUIDES, RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON**

[www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/financer-les-chercheurs/reglements-et-documents.html](http://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/financer-les-chercheurs/reglements-et-documents.html)