

SCHEDULE

- **Opening** of the call on the F.R.S.-FNRS Web-based application [SEMAPHORE](#) for the online submission: **TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2014**
- **Last day to request the access to an electronic form:**
WEDNESDAY 12TH 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 ¹	Thursday 13 th March
Promoter/co-promoter ²	Tuesday 18 th March
Rector ³	Thursday 20 th March

LOG INSTRUMENT CRITERIA

The "Research logistic collaborator (LOG)" instrument refers to temporary positions as a research logistic collaborator aiming at providing necessary scientific and technical support to scientific research, which depends more and more heavily on facilities and abilities with a high level of technicality. The same applies to Humanities (statistics, digital humanities...). Research logistic collaborator positions can be related to existing or new equipment or not, depending on the nature of the research project.

The main promoter (hosting university) is required to present a draft justifying the need for a research logistic collaborator.

The identity of the applicant is not required when submitting the application through the LOG instrument.

After offering the post, the promoter will proceed to the recruitment pursuant to the rules and regulations in force in the hosting institution. The selected Research logistic collaborator must have the necessary skills, at least some, and express a genuine interest in the role.

The LOG instrument is applicable for a two-year period, renewable once after examination of the renewal application, and within the limits of the financial resources of the F.R.S.-FNRS and its associated funds.

Research logistic collaborators are employed full time on behalf of the hosting university.

PROMOTERS

Promoter-applicants⁴ for each institution involved in the research programme must be:

¹ 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.

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

³ 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.

- 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.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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)

The F.R.S.-FNRS Board of Trustees 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 (step 1).

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

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

CRITERIA

Importance and interest with regard to the considered role Qualities of the research programme(s) Scientific competence of the promoter(s) and/or co-promoters
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OPEN ACCESS POLICY

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.

⁴ The same applies to co-promoter-applicants.

This [mandate](#) specifies the conditions under which the 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**

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