

Regulations for Senior Clinical Investigator (version until 2019)

General Regulations

[The General Regulations](#) apply.

Detailed information, full regulations and forms are available online.

Any additional information can be obtained from the secretariat of the Research Foundation - Flanders, Egmontstraat 5, 1000 BRUSSELS, tel 02 512 91 10.

Senior clinical investigator (*)

Art. 1.

Candidates must submit a detailed scientific research programme.

* French nomenclature: Maître de Recherches Cliniques du Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - Flandre (Belgique) (FWO).

Dutch nomenclature: Fundamenteel Klinisch Mandaat van het Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen (België) (FWO).

Art. 2.

Candidates must be a medical specialist, general practitioner or pharmacist specialist and hold a PhD by thesis (*). In addition, as of 1 October, at the start of the fellowship, they must be recognised in Belgium as a medical specialist, general practitioner or recognised by the Ministry of Public Health as a pharmacist specialist in clinical biology.

* The thesis defence must have taken place no later than 1 June preceding the fellowship.

Art. 3.

As of the start of the fellowship (1 October), candidates must have an open-ended employment contract at a university hospital affiliated to a university in the Flemish Community, where they perform an exclusively clinical role for at least 80% of the time. Candidates recognised as general practitioner must, from the start of the contract and until the end of the fellowship, be appointed at a Flemish university department of general practitioner medicine and at the same time perform a clinical role in general practitioner medicine for the remaining percentage.

Art. 4.

Senior clinical investigators must submit an annual report on their scientific research to the FWO.

Art. 5.

The fellowship begins on October 1 and lasts 5 years. It can be extended twice by 5 years each. Beneficiaries cannot delegate their part-time research work. Accumulation with a ZAP mandate of 50% or more is excluded.

Accumulation with a leading function within the management- or administrative organ within the university or university hospital is excluded. These provisions apply from 1/10/2013.

Researchers can ask by letter for an exception by the Board.

Art. 6.

The fellowship grant is half the candidate's salary paid by the university hospital, with a maximum of EUR 50,000 per year. This sum is paid to the university hospital, after the university hospital has submitted a detailed salary calculation.

If the candidate is a general practitioner, the fellowship grant corresponds with a part-time appointment at the rank of lecturer, with seniority as established according to the applicable rules, at the university concerned. The total annual amount shall not exceed EUR 50,000.

The grant paid to the institution by the FWO must be spent exclusively on a clinical replacement.

Art. 7.

Applications must be accompanied by a certificate from the CEO of the university hospital concerned and from the dean of the faculty concerned, stating that, if the fellowship is awarded, the candidate will be released part-time from his/her current duties to enable him/her to devote time to senior clinical investigation. (This article does not apply if the candidate is a general practitioner)

Art. 8.

Applications must also be accompanied by a written guarantee from the university hospital and/or faculty of medicine stating that the candidate will, upon completion of the fellowship, be re-employed full time in his/her original position. (This article does not apply if the candidate is a general practitioner)

Art. 9.

Applications must be submitted to the FWO in English, using the online form "Senior Clinical Investigator". The forms must reach the secretariat of the FWO no later than 1 February at 17:00, which precedes the year to which the expenditure relates. If this date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the submission deadline is moved to the following Monday at 17:00.

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Note: the English version of the regulations are only a translation and have no legal force.

