FWO invests in talents

Ph.D. FELLOWS
For young researchers who wish to obtain a Ph.D. with a thesis after four years of research.

CLINICAL Ph.D. FELLOWS
For clinical scientists who wish to work on their doctoral research for two years, part-time.

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWS
For researchers who have obtained their doctorate and wish to pursue (2x) 3 years of full-time research at postdoctoral level.

SENIOR CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWS
For clinical scientists, particularly physicians-researchers, with a doctorate who are granted permission to take a step back from their clinical activities for (3x) 5 years, part-time, to carry out research.

RESEARCH GRANTS
For individual researchers, particularly young scientists, at postdoctoral level who require resources to support their research.

RESEARCH PROJECTS
For research teams seeking to recruit scientists and technicians, to purchase equipment and to cover all sorts of operational costs for the execution of a research project.
Research does not accept boundaries; research has an international character. FWO helps you push the boundaries of your research by stimulating international mobility and collaboration in numerous ways:

- As a Flemish researcher you have various financing opportunities to work abroad for a short or longer period of time.
- FWO covers the costs of your trip to give a presentation at an international conference abroad.
- Foreign researchers are given resources to temporarily pursue their work at a Flemish university.
- FWO signs bilateral agreements with several countries to encourage international cooperation.
- FWO cooperates with several European and international sister organisations, for example as an active member of Science Europe and the European Science Foundation.
- For the selection of applicants, FWO relies on international expert panels.

Excellent research should be shared, whether you’re an experienced scholar or a budding talent. Every five years, FWO presents an Excellence award to five eminent Flemish researchers. Moreover, each year FWO joins forces with the business community to award scientific prizes to researchers who stand out.

What are the goals of the Research foundation Flanders (FWO)?
FWO finances fundamental scientific research with full scientific independence.

- FWO finances mainly:
  - Fellowships (Ph.D. students, postdoctoral researchers, etc.)
  - Research projects
  - Initiatives to stimulate international cooperation
  - Awards for excellence in research

FWO’s mission
FWO (Research Foundation Flanders) is the agency responsible for financing fundamental research in Flanders. Science creates opportunities and drives innovation.

What does FWO do?

**FWO in figures**

- **2012 FWO provided financial support to various projects:**
  - 44% Fellowships
  - 2% International collaboration and mobility
  - 1% Credits to researchers
  - 51% Research projects
  - 2% Administrative management

- **2012 FWO had a budget of 160 million euros:**
  - 75% is provided by the Flemish government
  - 6% are federal grants
  - 19% is generated by federal, fiscal and parafiscal measures

- **46 industrial partners:**
  - 21% research projects
  - 14% contracts
  - 12% internal projects

- **11% FWO supports your research FWO celebrates talent**

- **‘FWO gave me the opportunity to work in Paris for two years as a researcher. It was an unforgettable experience.’**
  - Peter Carmeliet
  - Faculty of Medicine, KU Leuven, winner of the Excellence Awards 2010

- **‘It’s a great recognition, not only for myself, but for the entire research team.’**
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