



# Clinical Research Grants

## Call for submission 2018

1. The BHF research grant is awarded every year to the person, or to the team with the best proposed non-commercial clinical research project, in cardiovascular pathology. The amount of BHF research grant is fixed to 15.000 Euro for a single center project and 20.000 Euro for a multicenter project.
2. This year one special grant of €50.000 will be made available by the Fund Joseph Oscar Waldmann-Berteau/Fund Walckiers Van Dessel, managed by the King Baudouin Foundation. The application procedure is the same as for the BHF Grants and as such have to be submitted via email to the BSC secretariat ([bsc@bscardio.be](mailto:bsc@bscardio.be)), with full details of the use of the budget.
3. Applicants can only register for one of the above grants.
4. Candidates for the grants must meet the following conditions:
  - a. Have the Belgian nationality, or be more than 2 years employed in a Belgian university/institute or non-university hospital setting;
  - b. Attach a *curriculum vitae*;
  - c. Include a statement that the project has not yet been awarded with a prize.
  - d. Inform the jury if the project has been applied for another prize/grant (in whole or in part)
  - e. In case of a multicenter project, the applicant team should be the principle investigator of the project.

5. To be eligible, the text of the proposed project should meet the following requirements:
  - a. Written in English (max 8 pages) including summary (500 words), precise and detailed budgeting for the realization of the project.
  - b. Devoted to a clinical research: research centered on the patients and aimed to determine the role of medication, intervention, diagnosis, symptoms and prevention in the physiological or pathological process”.
  - c. Be original and to be carried out, at least for the most part, in one or more Belgian institutions.
  - d. Each candidate or team can submit only one project per session.
6. The project must be submitted by email before 15 November 2018 to the Chairman of the BSC and to the BSC Secretariat at: [bsc@bscardio.be](mailto:bsc@bscardio.be). It should include a covering letter, with title of the project and a short explanation why the candidate applies for the BSC Research grant.
7. The Jury is composed of the nucleus of the BSC (president, past president, president elect and treasurer) and 3 members of the BSC board. Jury members with a conflict of interest will be replaced by another BSC board member. The Jury can invoke maximal two external experts if necessary.  
The candidate or team whose project got the most jury votes, will be the winner of the BSC grant (an *ex-aequo* is not excluded; in that case the grant will be divided among the two winners). The decision taken by the jury is decisive and irrevocable.  
  
All candidates will be informed of the decision of the jury, one month before the official awarding of the grant.
8. The grant will not be awarded if no project has been submitted that meets the regulatory conditions including the quality criteria.
9. The grants will be awarded at the annual congress of the Belgian Society of Cardiology. The laureate of the Funds Waldmann-Berteau and Walckiers Van Dessel, will also be honored at the annual awards ceremony of the KBF in spring 2019.
10. Within 2 years after delivery of the grant, the winner has to provide a summary of the available results to the president of the BSC. Confidentiality will be ensured. The BSC should be acknowledged in the publication.
11. Information concerning the grants are available on the BSC website: [www.bscardio.be](http://www.bscardio.be) and BHF website: [www.belgianheartfoundation.be](http://www.belgianheartfoundation.be)

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