



Basic 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 basic research project, in cardiovascular pathology.
2. 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.
3. Candidates for the grant 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.
4. 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 an experimental/basic research in the field of cardiovascular pathology. This research encompasses scientific disciplines such as biochemistry, microbiology, physiology, and pharmacology, and their interplay, and involves laboratory studies with cell cultures, animal studies or

physiological experiments. Patients are not in the center of the study, but biological samples (e.g. blood) can be used for this purpose

- 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.
5. 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. It should include a covering letter, with title of the project and a short explanation why the candidate applies for the BHF Research grant.
 6. 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.

7. The grant will not be awarded if no project has been submitted that meets the regulatory conditions including the quality criteria.
8. The grant will be awarded at the annual congress of the Belgian Society of Cardiology.
9. 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.
10. Information concerning the grant is available on the BSC website: www.bscardio.be and BHF website: www.belgianheartfoundation.be
