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|  | **Application for the SofinaBoël Fellowships 2026** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |
|  | | **Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique-FNRS**  Rue d’Egmont 5 - 1000 BRUXELLES  Phone: 0032(0)2 504 92 40  E-mail: [prix@frs-fnrs.be](mailto:prix@frs-fnrs.be)  Website: [www.fnrs.be](http://www.fnrs.be) | | | | | | | | | |  | | To be filled in by the investigating department  received date | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  | | *What is the purpose of this form?* *With this form you can compete for the SofinaBoël Fellowships. This Fellowship will be granted to talented PhD students* ***who have obtained their relevant MA or MSc degree after November 1, 2021.*** *How to submit this form?* *This form has to be submitted* ***at the latest by November 17 midnight CET, 2025*** *at the e-mail address* [***prix@frs-fnrs.be***](mailto:prix@frs-fnrs.be)*.* *Privacy policy and personal data* *The privacy policy is available on the F.R.S.-FNRS’ website:* [*https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/charte-vie-privee*](https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/charte-vie-privee)  *All persons referred to in this application form must be informed by the candidate.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **2** | **Give an overview of the achieved university diplomas and the results obtained.**  *Please specify the result using the grades, percentages or numbers according to the usual grading system in the university/country where the diploma was obtained.* | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **4** | **Describe your affiliation to (a) Belgian university (universities) prior to the submission deadline and during the research stay. Please note that you have to be affiliated to a Belgian institute for at least the entire duration of the stay as well as for at least 1 year prior to the submission deadline.** | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **5** | | | **Foreign host institution, date and location of the stay. The stay should fall within the academic year 2026-2027.**  **IMPORTANT:** the academic year 2026-2027 runs approximately from September 2026 to September 2027. **Your stay must take place within this period.**  **IMPORTANT:** SofinaBoël Fellowships support research stays abroad of either **6 or 12 months.** Other durations are not permitted. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **6** | | **Head of the receiving research unit.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **7** | | | **Motivation for the choice of the host institution.**  *Maximum 0.5 page in English.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **8** | | **Mode of transport.**  *The SofinaBoël Fund attaches great importance to the* [*UN Sustainable Development Goals*](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/)*. Please take these policies into account, when making your travel plans.* |
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|  | Details of the research | | |
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|  | **Details of the Belgian research unit** | | |
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| **9** | | **Provide the name of your research unit and the name of the head of the research unit where you conduct your research in Belgium.** | |
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| **10** | | **Describe the specific scientific domain of your research in three keywords.** | |
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| **11** | | **Enter the title of the proposed project.**  *Use a maximum of 240 characters, including spaces.* | |
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| **12** | | **Give a description of the proposed work.**  *Maximum 4 pages including tables, figures and references in English.* |
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| **13** | | **Work plan.**  *Maximum 1 page.* |
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| **14** | | **Added scientific value of the stay for the candidate, their career and the scientific community.**  *E.g. potential synergy between the knowledge / experience of the Flemish and foreign research group. Maximum 0.5 page.* |
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| **15** | | **Transfer of knowledge that will be obtained during the stay abroad to the research group of the candidate in Belgium.**  *E.g. transfer of knowledge, technical expertise, assays etc. to the Flemish research group. Maximum 0.5 page.* |
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| **16** | | **Describe how your research will contribute to the realization of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (if applicable).**  *Indicate to the realization of which* [*specific SDGs*](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/) *your research seeks to contribute. Mention the appropriate SDG indicator(s) and adequately substantiate the improvement to the targeted SDG indicator that is expected to result from your research* *in quantitative and/or qualitative terms. If there is no relevant SDG indicator, please indicate ‘not applicable’. Maximum 1 page.* |
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| **17** | | **Add a summary of your research project in layman’s terms.**  *Keep in mind that your application will be read by a multidisciplinary jury so write this summary in such a way that it helps those who are not experts in this specific domain to judge the scientific content and context of your research. Maximum 1 page.* |
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|  | **Other funding; national and international awards/fellowships/project funding** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **18** | **Please list other funding you have applied for (if any) to cover a stay abroad in the same period and for the same purpose as the one in this SofinaBoël Fellowship application.** **If applicable, specify any funding made available for your stay abroad in the context of a joint PhD. Indicate in the column “granted” whether your application has been granted already (Y or N) or whether it is not yet decided or known (Unknown).** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **19** | **List all national or international awards/fellowships/project funding that you already have received, whether or not for this research.**  *Provide for each funding the following information: the name, the period, the amount, the origin (i.e. the organization which provided the funding).* | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  | | **Researcher mobility** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **20** | **List all previous stays abroad.**  *Provide for each stay the following information: the name of the host institution, the period, and the purpose or reason of the stay.* | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **21** | **Enclose the following documents and submit as a single pdf:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  |  | A detailed curriculum vitae including a complete list of publications | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  |  | A letter of reference by the applicant’s PhD supervisor | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  |  | A personal motivation letter | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  |  | An invitation letter from the foreign host institution | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **22** | **Fill in the following declaration.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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