

« MOVE-IN Louvain »
Incoming Post-doc Fellowships
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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Who should prepare the application?

The application should be prepared jointly by the applicant and a promoter in one of the three host institutions (UCL, UNamur or USL-B). The complete file (application form and annexes) will then be submitted in electronic copy (one PDF format) by the applicant/researcher to the UCL Research Administration (crec-adre@uclouvain.be). For confidentiality reasons, the letters of recommendation of the home/host institution can be directly sent to the UCL Research Administration (crec-adre@uclouvain.be) by specifying the name of the applicant/researcher in the object of the email.

Can an application be introduced before the Ph.D. has been obtained?

“MOVE-IN Louvain” Incoming post-doc Fellowships are addressed to experienced researchers holding a doctoral degree (PhD) or having at least 4 years of full-time equivalent research experience (please refer to point 2 of the Guide for Applicant). Researchers who haven't obtained their PhD yet can apply to the “MOVE IN Louvain” programme only if the PhD is expected to be obtained before the second phase of evaluation by the jury (February 2017). In this case, the expected date of presentation of the Ph.D. thesis and a statement of the promoter, have to be clearly mentioned in the application.

Is there an age limit for researchers who wish to apply to the programme?

No. The “MOVE-IN Louvain” programme is accessible to researchers of all ages. The eligibility of a researcher is mainly based upon the number of years of active post-doctoral experience (6 years maximum)

What do you mean by “maximum 6 years of post-doctoral experience”?

This means that researchers with more than 10 years of research experience - 6 years after obtaining the Ph.D. - will not be eligible. The research project must start at the latest 6 years, date to date, after obtaining the doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. It really goes about the date of the public thesis defense.

Which research topics are supported under the programme?

Proposals from all areas of scientific and technological research are accepted.

For a successful proposal, when is the latest time a researcher should expect to start working at the host organisation?

The latest date when the project activities should begin must be within 12 months from the call deadline (*i.e.* by the 31st of December 2017). The starting date is decided in close coordination with the supervisor.

When can the research project start (at the earliest)?

The launching of the research projects starts at the earliest in June 2017.

What are the selection criteria?

The quality of the candidate (40%), the quality of the research and training project (40%) and the impact (20%).

Is there a preferred language which should be used in applications?

The complete application form together with the annexes have to be written in English in order to facilitate the evaluation by international experts. Exceptions are possible according to the research topic but must be duly justified (written request addressed to the President of the UCL Research Council).

Are candidates encouraged to devote all their time to research, or are they expected to take part in other activities, such as teaching and other collaborative research?

Researchers are encouraged to develop complementary skills in the course of their training. Please consult the host institution (UCL, UNamur or USL-B) for any questions on rules related to teaching activities, etc.

Should the project be necessarily conducted only in Belgium?

The research project must take place in Belgium in one of the three host institutions but it does not prevent the researcher from moving abroad within the framework of the research project. This has to be decided with the supervisor.

Does the funding cover expenses for conferences abroad, books, office supplies, computer, etc. which are helpful to the research?

Yes. The fellow receives a bench-fee of EUR/year 5.000 for laboratory-based research or EUR/year 2.500 for non-laboratory based research. Part of this amount could be used for such expenses linked directly to the research project.

If the candidate applies in parallel for the F.R.S.-FNRS, is it an exclusion criterion?

No. The candidates who satisfy the conditions of the F.R.S.-FNRS are strongly encouraged to apply in parallel.