The FNR has developed various thematic and structural funding instruments to support research projects in priority areas for Luxembourg and to strengthen the exchange between science and society. In the framework of these programmes, calls for project proposals are issued regularly. Retained projects will be partly or completely funded by the FNR.
Research Project Funding

CORE
The main FNR programme for funding of high-quality research projects in the national research priorities. Project proposals can be submitted by established and starting Principle Investigators.


OPEN
Research project funding in scientific fields not covered by the national research priorities.


International Research Cooperation

INTER
Project funding in the framework of bilateral or multilateral international collaborations built on joint research activities.

Several calls forthcoming in 2020. Call deadlines are specified per collaboration on the FNR website.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN INTER TO FUND JOINT PROJECTS OF TRILATERAL CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION
The relevant deadlines and guidelines are specified on the FNR website.

INTER MOBILITY
Funding researchers based in Luxembourg for a mobility period at leading research institutions abroad, or excellent researchers from abroad to join Luxembourg research teams (mobility periods up to 1 year). Some grants are earmarked for specific international partnerships.


Strategic Research Programmes

PEARL
Attracting established leading researchers in strategically relevant areas for Luxembourg.


1 call in 2021: Pre-proposal deadline 06.10.2020. Full proposal deadline beginning 2021 (date to be announced).

NCER
Funding allocated to research consortia with a proven record of scientific excellence to tackle a research question with a long-term socio-economic impact.

National Center of Excellence in Parkinson ongoing. Further activities to be defined in 2020.

INITIATE
Reinforcement and support of high-risk, multi-stakeholder and interdisciplinary projects leading to societal and/or economic impact. The INITIATE support will back the initiation and development of project ideas that can potentially lead to bigger programmes and projects. This should engage different public/private teams strategically in tackling big questions.

Restricted call. Contact FNR for details.

Talent Attraction and Capacity Building

ATTRACT
Funding to attract outstanding researchers (between 2 and 8 years after their PhD) with high potential in strategic research areas in order to set up a research group in Luxembourg.


1 call in 2021: Pre-proposal deadline 13.11.2020. Full proposal deadline beginning 2021 (date to be announced).

PRIDE
The main FNR programme for funding PhD training in Luxembourg-based research institutions. Blocks of PhD grants are allocated to selected Doctoral Training Units committed to high-quality doctoral research and training programmes.

Next call in 2021.

AFR INDIVIDUAL
Individual candidates to apply for PhD training in high-quality research environments in Luxembourg and abroad.


Innovation and Industry Partnership Programmes

BRIDGES & INDUSTRIAL FELLOWSHIPS

Bridges: Support applied research that meets the needs of industrial partners.

Industrial Fellowships: Support researchers who carry out their PhD or postdoc training in collaboration with a company in Luxembourg.


JUMP (Pathfinder & PoC)

The JUMP programme is the FNR’s facilitation programme for commercialisation of research results with the goal of encouraging the successful translation of high-impact research into commercially viable innovations. The JUMP programme is structured into two phases, Pathfinder and Proof of Concept.


KITS
The Knowledge & Innovation Transfer Support programme provides competitive funding to public research institutions in Luxembourg that will allow them to attract and integrate highly skilled knowledge transfer professionals.

Restricted call. Contact FNR for details.


IPBG
The Industrial Partnership Block Grant programme awards a block of PhD and/or Postdoc grants (AFR-PPP) in which Luxembourg-based industry partner(s) active in R&D take the lead in arranging a research programme with a Luxembourg-based public research institution of their choice.

Restricted call. Contact FNR for details.

Promoting Science & Science Communication

SCIENCE IN SOCIETY & PSP
The FNR offers platforms and funding to foster the exchange between science and society. Researchers may benefit from training in science communication, take part in events for the general public, and use the FNR media and web channels to communicate their research. In addition to these exchange platforms, the PSP-Classic and PSP-Flagship programmes provide researchers with funding for their own science outreach activities.


FNR AWARDS
The FNR allocates annual awards for outstanding results in four categories: “Outstanding Promotion of Science to the Public”, “Outstanding Scientific Publication”, “Outstanding PhD Thesis” and “Outstanding Research-Driven Innovation”.


RESCOM
Grants for the organisation of outstanding international scientific conferences and lecture series in Luxembourg, as well as for scientific monographs.


PUBLIC
Aims to support collaborative research projects between research institutions and the public sector (public bodies or authorities).

Next call: annual calls to be announced during the year.

OPEN ACCESS FUND
Promotes the open access to research results from FNR-funded projects. This fund provides financial support to cover article processing charges that may arise through the publication of peer-reviewed research results in Open Access. It also provides funding for initiatives that promote and enable Open Access solutions in Luxembourg as well as internationally, in cooperation with partners.


Please note: Call deadlines may be subject to change. Updated deadlines and programme specific information will be published on www.fnr.lu - Version 11.2019.