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**Special research Fund 2024**

**call for DOCTORAL GRANTS[[1]](#footnote-1) for JOINT degree projects**

**IN THE FRAMEWORK OF the cooperation between**

**Hasselt University & University OF LIEGE**

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| **Name of the candidate** |  |
| **Indicative title of the research project***This text will be used for administrative purposes only. This text will be used for communication purposes on internal and external websites. We suggest not to include any confidential information.* | In English: In Dutch: |
| **Is your application related to research in the frame of the Einstein Telescope (ET)** | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
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| **Annexes:** | [ ]  short bio of both supervisors and co-promoters must be included\*[ ]  copy of the candidate’s diploma and study results**\***[ ]  The Master’s thesis or, if not available, another substantial piece of English or Dutch writing\* |
| **By submitting this application form I declare that I have completed this form in all conscience and that I will take the necessary actions should any changes, related to the project (including ethical issues) occur. In that case I will inform the Research Council through bof@uhasselt.be of these changes and the actions taken.** |
| **Signature candidate:** | *(date)* |
| **Signature supervisor UHasselt:**(Name, First name) | *(date)* |
| **Signature supervisor Université de Liège:**(Name, First name) | *(date)* |
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*\*Required annex: without this annex, the application will be declared inadmissible*

This application document shall be filled out in English.

This application document, duly filled out, has to be sent at the latest on **01.03.2024, 17h00** to:

**BOF@UHasselt.be and denys.jeandrain@uliege.be**

***Only upon receipt of your confirmation e-mail, your application has been successfully submitted.***

**Part I – Data of the applicant**

**1. Personal data**

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| **Name** |  |
| **First name(s)** |  |
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| **Mobile phone number** |  |

## 2. Supervisor(s)\*

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|  | **UHasselt promoter** | **ULiège promoter** |
| **Name** |  |  |
| **First name** |  |  |
| **Research group** |  |  |
| **Research Institute** |  |  |
| **Position (title)** |  |  |

*\* cfr. UHasselt Doctoral Regulations*

**3. Co-supervisor(s) – If applicable**

*max. 2*

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|  | **Co-promoter 1** | **Co-promoter 2** |
| **Name** |  |  |
| **First name** |  |  |
| **Postdoc/ZAP/other** |  |  |
| **Research group/institute** |  |  |
| **Institution(s) of appointment** |  |  |
| **Position (title)** |  |  |

**4. Educational background**

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| **Year of graduation secondary education** |  |  |  |
| **Higher Education** | **Name programme** | **Institute of Higher Education/****University** | **Score / Degree** | **Date** |
| Bachelor |  |  |  |  |
| Master |  |  |  |  |
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**If you think it’s necessary to give additional feedback on your study results and/or ranking, please provide a brief explanation.**

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**5. Master Thesis**

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| **Supervisor** |  |
| **Title** |  |
| **Year** |  |
| **University / Institute of Higher Education** |  |
| **Brief thesis description** |  |

**6. Professional background - if applicable**

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| **Employer** | **Appointment percentage** | **Position** | **Period** |
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**7. If you have already received any grants not mentioned under 6, since the completion of your studies, please list them here (including any current position, stating whether this position is renewable and whether you have applied for a renewal).**

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**8.** [Discipline](https://www.uhasselt.be/doctoraldisciplines) **in which the project will be prepared (PhD degree):**

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| ***School for Educational Studies*** |
| [ ]  Educational sciences |
| ***Medicine and Life Sciences*** |
| [ ]  Medical science |
| [ ]  Biomedical science |
| ***Rehabilitation Sciences*** |
| [ ]  Rehabilitation sciences  |
| [ ]  Rehabilitation sciences and physiotherapy |
| [ ]  Occupational therapy |
|  ***Sciences*** |
| [ ]  Sciences |
| [ ]  Sciences: mathematics |
| [ ]  Sciences: statistics |
| [ ]  Sciences: physics |
| [ ]  Sciences: chemistry |
| [ ]  Sciences: biology |
| [ ]  Sciences: materiomics |
| [ ]  Sciences: information technology |
| ***Engineering Technology*** |
| [ ]  Engineering Technology |
| ***Business Economics*** |
| [ ]  Business Economics |
| [ ]  Tourism |
| ***School for Transportation Sciences*** |
| [ ]  Transportation sciences |
| ***Law*** |
| [ ]  Law |
| ***Architecture and Arts[[2]](#footnote-2)*** |
| [ ]  Architecture |
| [ ]  Audiovisual and visual Arts |
| ***School of Social Sciences*** |
| [ ]  Social Sciences |

**@ULiège (discipline by faculty)**

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| ***Faculté de Philosophie et Lettres*** |
| [ ]  Art et sciences de l’Art |
| [ ]  Arts du spectacle et technique de diffusion de communication |
| [ ]  Histoire, art et archéologie |
| [ ]  Information et communication |
| [ ]  Langues, lettres et traductologie |
| [ ]  Philosophie |
| ***Faculté de Droit, Sciences Politiques et Criminologie*** |
| [ ]  Criminologie |
| [ ]  Sciences juridiques |
| [ ]  Sciences politiques et sociales : sciences politiques |
| ***Faculté des Sciences*** |
| [ ]  Biochimie, Biologie moléculaire et cellulaire, Bioinformatique et modélisation |
| [ ]  Biologie des organismes et écologie |
| [ ]  Chimie |
| [ ]  Didactique des sciences |
| [ ]  Géographie |
| [ ]  Géologie |
| [ ]  Mathématique |
| [ ]  Océanographie |
| [ ]  Physique |
| [ ]  Sciences et gestion de l’environnement  |
| [ ]  sciences spatiales |
| ***Faculté de Médecine*** |
| [ ]  Sciences biomédicales et pharmaceutiques |
| [ ]  Sciences de la motricité |
| [ ]  Sciences de la santé publique |
| [ ]  Sciences dentaires |
| [ ]  Sciences médicales |
| ***Faculté des Sciences Appliquées*** |
| [ ]  Aérospatiale et mécanique |
| [ ]  Architecture génie civil et géologie  |
| [ ]  Art de bâtir et urbanismes |
| [ ]  Chemical Engineering |
| [ ]  Electricité, électronique et informatique |
| ***Faculté de Médecine* Vétérinaire** |
| [ ]  Sciences vétérinaires |
| ***Faculté de Psychologie, Logopédie et Sciences de l’Education*** |
| [ ]  Sciences psychologiques |
| **Faculté HEC – Ecole de Gestion**  |
| [ ]  Sciences économiques et de gestion |
| **Faculté des Sciences Sociales** |
| [ ]  Sciences politiques et sociales: sciences sociales |
| **Faculté de Gembloux Agro-Biothec** |
| [ ]  *Sciences agronomiques et ingénierie biologique* |
| **Faculté d’Architecture** |
| [ ]  *Art de bâtir et urbanisme* |

**9. If you have pursued scientific/scholarly studies and/or experience abroad (other than mentioned in the diplomas), please list them here.**

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**10. If you have already published scholarly/scientific articles, please list them with complete bibliographical information.**

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**11. Other elements of added value that are complementary to your CV can be listed here, such as:**

* **(inter)national mobility,**
* **intersectoral mobility,**
* **acquired prizes,**
* **internships,**
* **other elements.**

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**12. Motivational Statement: discuss personal motivations, your (research) interests, your experience and activities and your future goals. Focus on your personal background or experiences that have significantly influenced you or your goals.**

*Use up to 500 words.*

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**Part II – The doctoral research**

1. **Title**

**Dutch (compulsory)**

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**French (compulsory)**

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**English (compulsory)**

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1. **Discipline codes**

Please mention the “Main Research field” that matches best to the subject of your research proposal (level 4 of the Flemish Research Discipline Standard:

<https://researchportal.be/sites/default/files/block-attachments/2019-04/20190213%20pdf_VODL_V2018.pdf>)

*Min. 1 and max. 5*

1. **Research group and if applicable research institute in which the candidate will prepare the doctoral thesis**

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**@ULiège**

1. **The doctoral research**

**a.** **Background to the research proposal, objectives and main research question**
*Max. 500 words (excl. references, including footnotes). Use Word Count to specify.*

**b. Description of the proposed research**

*Max. 1,000 words (excl. references, including footnotes). Use Word Count to specify.*

**c. Literature references**

*Max. 10 references*

**d. Innovative character of the proposal**

*Max. 200 words*

**e. Methodology and time plan**

*Please specify the research design, the methods and explain the link between the proposed research and the methodology.*

*Max. 400 words*

Indicative time schedule, giving the periods of your stay at UHasselt and at ULiège (50/50):

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**f. Academic setting within the research programme of the Liège Faculty**

*Please identify how your proposal fits within the faculty’s research programme*

*Max. 200 words*

**g. Academic setting within the research programme of the Hasselt Faculty**

*Please identify how your proposal fits within the faculty’s research*

*Max. 200 words*

**h. Cooperation between Hasselt University and Université de Liège**

This proposal fits within:

[ ]  an existing collaboration between both institutions

[ ]  a new collaboration.

*Please identify how your research will contribute to the cooperation between Hasselt and Liège*

*Max. 100 words*

*Please explain how the collaboration will be continued after this project and illustrate the added value for both research groups/institutions.*

*Max. 100 words*

**i. Societal Relevance**

*How can results be applied in other research areas? How can results be applied in society, business, etc.*

*Max.* 200 words

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**j. Budget**

For each PhD project a research budget is available. The type of research may require a larger budget. Please submit a detailed budget if it is expected that it will exceed the available budget This budget should also indicate how the research can be completed when additional resources are not available.

## 3. Possible ethical implications relating to the proposed research:

The table below lists questions about possible ethical aspects in research proposals. Please go through the table and tick 'YES' for aspect(s) relevant to your proposal.

If you mark a 'yes' for the question, it follows that:

* **For the questions marked with \*:** the applicant is legally or on the basis of institutional regulations obliged to ask for an ethical approval at the competent ethics committee of UHasselt. Please consider that even when there is no obligation with regard to the research itself, for the publication of the results an approval may still be necessary and that no retroactive ethics committee approvals are provided.

If you have answered questions with an \* positively, you must submit an ethics approval request with detailed documentation on e.g. study methodology, procedures, informed consent form, insurance, etc to the ethics committee **as soon as your application has been approved for funding**. Study-specific procedures cannot begin until this ethics approval has been formally given. Only if the approval relates to a work package planned at a later stage of the project, and if legislation allows, UHasselt may decide to authorize the researcher to obtain ethical approval at a later stage, i.e. at the latest before the initiation of the relevant part of the research. Also keep in mind that the ethics advisory procedure can take some time and that therefore you should submit your proposal to the ethics committee well in time.

* **For the questions that are not marked: Perhaps no ethics approval may be needed for your research proposal. Furthermore, even when there is no obligation with regard to the research itself, for the publication of the results an ethics approval may still be necessary. At any case, the applicant will have to reflect on those issues and take, if necessary, appropriate measures. If in doubt, it is advised to contact the supporting services of UHasselt.**

*For more information on each of the ethics issues and how to address them, we refer to the UHasselt webpage on*[responsible research](https://www.uhasselt.be/en/research/responsible-research) *and the*UHasselt contactpoint Ethiek@uhasselt.be

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| I confirm that I have read all questions below and that there are no ethical issues concerning my proposal. | Yes | No |
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| 1. Human embryos and human embryonic stem cells[[3]](#footnote-3) | Yes | No |
| Does your research involve the use of human embryos? \* |  |  |
| Does your research involve human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)? \* |  |  |
| * (If YES) Will the hESCs be directly derived from embryos within this project?
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| * (If YES) Are the hESCs previously established cell lines?
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| 2. Humans | Yes | No |
| Does your research involve human participants? |  |  |
| * (If YES) Are they volunteers for non-medical studies (e.g. social/societal or human sciences research?) [[4]](#footnote-4)
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| * (If YES) Are they persons unable to give informed consent (including children/minors)? \*
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| * (If YES) Are they potentially vulnerable individuals or groups? \*
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| * (If YES) Are they children/minors? \*
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| * (If YES) Are they patients for medical/clinical studies? \*
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| * (If YES) Are they healthy volunteers for medical/clinical studies? \*
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| Does your research involve interventions (physical, also including imaging technology, behavioral treatments, etc.) on the study participants? \*  |  |  |
| * (If YES) Does it involve invasive techniques?
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| * (If YES) Does it involve collection of biological samples?
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| Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014) i.e. using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products? \* |  |  |
| 3. Human Cells/Tissues | Yes | No |
| Does your research involve the use of human (human (including foetal) cells or tissues? \* |  |  |
| * (If YES) Does it concern human foetal tissues/cells (not covered in section 1, i.e. other than human embryonic tissue and hESCs)?
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| * (If YES) Are they obtained from commercial sources?
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| * (If YES) Do they originate from another laboratory/institution/biobank?
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| * (If YES) Were they produced or collected by you during previous research activities?
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| * (If YES) Are they produced or collected by you as part of this project?
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| 4. Personal Data [[5]](#footnote-5) | Yes | No |
| Does your research involve collecting and/or processing of personal data? [[6]](#footnote-6) |  |  |
| * (If YES) Does it involve the collection and/or processing of special categories of personal data (e.g.: information on sexual orientation, ethnicity, genetic information, biometric and health data, political opinion, religion or philosophy of life)?
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| * (If YES) Does it involve profiling, systematic monitoring of individuals, or large-scale processing of special categories of data, or intrusive methods of data processing (such as, surveillance, geolocation tracking etc.)?
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| * (If YES) Does your research involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of pre-existing data sets or sources or merging existing data sets)?
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| * (If YES) Does it involves the processing of personal data related to criminal convictions or offences?
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| Does your research involve international import or export of personal data? |  |  |
| * (If YES) Do you plan to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries?
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| * + (If YES) Specify the type of personal data and country/ies involved: ………
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| * (If YES) Do you plan to import personal data from non-EU countries into the EU or allocate personal data from a non-EU country to another non-EU country?
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| * + (If YES) Specify the type of personal data and country/ies involved: ………
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| 5. Animals | Yes | No |
| Does your research involve research procedures to live non-human vertebrate animals (incl. independently feeding larval forms, foetal forms of mammals in the last trimester of their normal development) and/or cephalopods, and/or forms in earlier stages (if the experiments have consequences in later stages)? \* |  |  |
| * (If YES) Are they non-human primates? [[7]](#footnote-7)
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| * + (If YES) Please upload either the ethical approval for the intended experiments on non-human primates, or the acknowledgement of receipt of your request for ethical advice by the *Ethics Committee on Animal Testing*.
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| * (If YES) Are they genetically modified animals?
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| * (If YES) Are they cloned farm animals?
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| * (If YES) Are they endangered species?
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| 6. Access and Benefit Sharing and the Nagoya Protocol | Yes | No |
| Does your research involve genetic resources or traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, that are captured by the EU Regulation related to the Nagoya Protocol? [[8]](#footnote-8) |  |  |
| * (If YES): Specify the country/ies: …………
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| 7. (Inter)national collaboration [[9]](#footnote-9): exploitation and ethics dumping | Yes | No |
| Will some of the research activities be conducted in non-EU countries? |  |  |
| * (If YES): Name of the country/ies: …………
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| * (If YES) Do the undertaken activities in these non-EU countries raise potential ethics issues? \*
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| * + (If YES): Specify the country/ies : ………
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| * (If YES) Could the situation in the country put the researcher and/or the individuals taking part in the research at risk?
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| * + (If YES): Specify the country/ies: ……
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| Do you plan to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)? |  |  |
| * (If YES) specify material and country/ies involved: …………
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| Does your research involve international import or export of materials? |  |  |
| * (If YES) Do you plan to export any material to non-EU countries?
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| * + (If YES) specify material and country/ies involved: ……
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| * (If YES) Do you plan to import any material from non-EU countries or transfer material in-between two non-EU countries?
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| * + (If YES) specify material and country/ies involved: …………
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| 8. Environment, Health and Safety  | Yes | No |
| Does your research involve the use of (chemical, physical, sound, …) substances that may cause harm to the environment (water, air, soil, …), or to animals or plants (now and/or in the future)? |  |  |
| Does your research involve the use of (chemical, physical, sound, …) substances that may cause harm to humans, including research staff and their co-workers? (now and/or in the future)? |  |  |
| Does (part of) your research deal with endangered flora or fauna, or is it carried out within protected areas? |  |  |
| Do the proposed experiments make use of any parts of animals, GMOs or pathogens? |  |  |
| Does the proposed research make use of information, installations, processes or products that need to be covered by permits (ionizing radiation, radioactive substances, pharmaceutical products, drug precursors, explosives and precursors, cyanides, ozone-depleting substances, soils/animals/animal parts and by-products/plants from third countries …)? |  |  |
| 9. Dual use and military applications[[10]](#footnote-10) | Yes | No |
| Does your research have the potential for military applications? |  |  |
| Does your research involve dual-use items[[11]](#footnote-11) in the sense of [Regulation 2021/821](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32021R0821), or other items for which an authorisation is required? |  |  |
| 10. Misuse[[12]](#footnote-12), Security & Human Rights  | Yes | No |
| Does your research have the potential for misuse of research results? |  |  |
| Might the activities lead to or might the chosen partners be involved in Human Rights violations? |  |  |
| Do you take security measures to prevent misuse? |  |  |
| 11. Artificial intelligence | Yes | No |
| Does your research involve the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence? |  |  |
| * (If YES) Could the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence that is based on you research raise ethical concerns related to human rights, values, decision making, and/or can it cause negative societal or environmental impact?
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| 12. Other Ethics Issues (Optional) | Yes | No |
| Your research may raise new ethical issues and concerns that are currently not (fully) covered by this Ethics Issue Table (e.g. new developments in the fields of neurobiology, man-machine interaction, developments in nanotechnology, genetic enhancement, etc.). Are there any other issues that should be taken into consideration? |  |  |
| * (If YES) Please specify: ……………
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| Ethical requirements per work package |
| Give the number and description of the work packages for which you will submit an application to the relevant ethics committee(s): Number/description of WP(s): Starting date of WP(s):Please specify which ethics committee(s) deal(s)/will deal with your application: Ethics committee category: …Ethics committee: … |

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| I hereby acknowledge that an ethical approval is required for issues marked with an asterisk (\*) as far as they apply to this project proposal.I will abide by the applicable regulatory framework, law and institutional policies regarding matters, with or without asterisk (\*), that apply to this proposal.If an ethical approval is required, we will ensure to obtain this approval from the competent ethics committee of the own institution, at the latest before starting with the ethically sensitive activities. |

**4. Datamanagement Plan**

1. Describe the datatypes (surveys, sequences, manuscripts, objects, ...) the research will collect and/or generate and/or (re)use.

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2. Specify in which way the following provisions are in place in order to preserve the data during and at least 5 years after the end of the research.

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3. What's the reason why you wish to deviate from the principle of preservation of data and of the minimum preservation term of 5 years?

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4. Are there issues concerning research data indicated in the ethics questionnaire of this application form? If yes, which specific security measures those data require?

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5. Which other issues related to the data management are relevant to mention?

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# Is the topic of the funding request linked to the following (transversal) policies?<https://www.uhasselt.be/nl/over-uhasselt/beleid/algemene-beleidsprioriteiten>

*Please tick the relevant boxes.*

[ ]  Learning

[ ]  Inclusive

[ ]  Sustainability

[ ]  Internationalisation

# Does the research relate to the civic mission in the Limburg region?

*Please tick the relevant box.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

# Is the topic of the funding request linked to one of the EURECA-PRO partners?*Please tick the relevant box.*

☐ Not applicable

☐ [Montanuniversität Leoben](https://www.unileoben.ac.at/en/research/chairs/institutes/)(Austria)

☐ [Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg](https://tu-freiberg.de/en/research)(Germany)

☐ [Technical University of Crete](https://www.tuc.gr/en/research)(Greece)

☐ [Universidad de León](https://www.unileon.es/investigadores)(Spain)

☐ [Silesian University of Technology](https://www.polsl.pl/en/)(Poland)

☐ [University of Petrosani](https://www.upet.ro/en/)(Romania)

☐ [University of Applied Sciences Mittweida](https://www.forschung.hs-mittweida.de/en/)(Germany)

☐ [Université de Lorraine](https://www.univ-lorraine.fr/en/research-innovation/) (France)

# Is the topic of the funding request linked to one of the SDG’s?*Please tick the relevant box.*

☐ Not applicable

☐ SDG 1: no poverty

☐ SDG 2: zero hunger

☐ SDG 3: good health and well-being

☐ SDG 4: quality education

☐ SDG 5: gender equality

☐ SDG 6: clean water and sanitation

☐ SDG 7: affordable and clean energy

☐ SDG 8: decent work and economic growth

☐ SDG 9: industry, innovation and infrastructure

☐ SDG 10: reduced inequalities

☐ SDG 11: sustainable cities and communities

☐ SDG 12: responsible consumption and production

☐ SDG 13: climate action

☐ SDG 14: life below water

☐ SDG 15: life on land

☐ SDG 16: peace, justice and strong institutions

☐ SDG 17: partnerships for the goals

**Part III - Abstracts**

Please provide a brief, simplified abstract of your project in Dutch. This text is intended for the university administration. This text will be used for purposes on internal and external websites. We suggest not to include any confidential information.

*min 250 – max 1.500 characters*

Please provide a brief, simplified abstract of your project in French. This text is intended for the university administration. This text will be used for communication purposes on internal and external websites. We suggest not to include any confidential information.

*min 250 – max 1.500 characters*

Please provide a brief, vulgarizing abstract of your project in English. This text is intended for university administration. This text will be used for communication purposes on internal and external websites. We suggest not to include any confidential information.

*min 250 – max 1.500 characters*

1. This call is open to candidate PhD students, without restriction to gender, nationality or age. Since this concerns mandates in the scholarship statute, the circular of the Ministry of Finance regarding the exemption conditions of doctoral scholarships applies. This states, among other things, that employment contracts may not be replaced by a doctoral scholarship. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The area of study may be supplemented by the name of a discipline. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Ethics approval related to these questions should always be requested before the start of the research project as a whole (as soon as your application has been approved for funding). In addition to ethics approval by your local ethics committee, research projects using human embryos also require subsequent approval by the Federal Commission for Medical and Scientific Research on embryos in vitro (FCE). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Please note that not every research involving human participants triggers the obligation to request ethical approval. However, it is important to keep in mind that the journal in which you want to publish the results of your research might ask you, nonetheless, to submit an ethical approval. For this reason, it might be advisable to request ethical approval anyway before the start of the project from the relevant ethics committee within your institution. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Personal data are defined as ‘any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person’. An ‘identifiable natural person’, or ‘data subject’, is ‘one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person’ (Article 4(1) GDPR). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. The GDPR requires that all personal data processing activities are recorded. Please consult your institution(s) for the procedure to follow as soon as the project is granted. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. If no ethical approval has been obtained for the proposed research as of yet, the ethics approval process has to be initiated prior to the project application deadline. In any case, the institution must be in the possession of the ethical approval at the time of the rebuttal. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. In Access and Benefit Sharing legislation, more specifically according to the EU-legislation related to the Nagoya Protocol, ‘genetic resources’ are defined as ‘any material of plant, animal, microbial or other origin containing functional units of heredity and that is of actual or potential value’, and ‘traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources’ means ‘knowledge held by an indigenous or local community that is relevant for the utilisation of genetic resources’. Please consult <http://nagoya.vlir.be> for the procedure to follow as soon as the project is granted. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. For all these issues it is necessary to comply with relevant legislation and regulations. Please contact the supporting services at the institution(s), as soon as the project is granted. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Please consult the brochure of the Flemish Interuniversity Council on the topic: <https://vlir.be/publicaties/brochure-dual-use/>. For these issues your institution has to be consulted when the project is granted. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. ‘Dual-use goods’ are ‘goods, software and technology that are commonly used for civilian purposes, but that can have military applications, or can contribute to the production or distribution of weapons of mass destruction’. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Some research can generate knowledge, materials, methods or technologies that could also be used in unethical ways. Although such research is carried out with benign intentions, people with bad intentions may potentially harm humans, animals or the environment with the acquired research results. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)