

Call 2025-EXPLORATION

Template pre-proposal form

Please describe your research proposal by filling out this proposal upload template. Before starting, carefully read the instructions below:

1. The proposal upload should not exceed 5 pages, consisting of 4 pages of textual elaboration on the project and a maximum of 1 separate page for figures, excluding references. **Exceeding the maximum number of pages will result in your proposal being deemed ineligible, as it does not comply with the set maximum page limit.**
2. Adhere to the following formatting guidelines: Verdana, at least font size 9, margins of 2.5 cm side and 2.5 cm top and bottom, single line spacing.
3. All text highlighted in grey should be removed.
4. Fill out the name of the project leader and project number in the footer on each page of the proposal.
5. Upload your research proposal in PDF-format
6. The reference file can be uploaded individually.

Project Proposal

Background, relevance and aims

Describe briefly the relevance of your proposal on the basis of the below written subjects. How does your project align with the mission goals of KWF? How does this proposal contribute to existing knowledge? Briefly, describe the aim(s) of this proposal, the primary and secondary research questions and how these contribute to the problem/the research direction.

- Problem description (unmet need)
- Solution/research direction (description of the envisioned solution)
- Aims

Plan of investigation

- Briefly explain the experimental approaches, ideally divided into work packages, and include a Gantt chart, which should be placed on the designated figures page. If applicable, include the results of preliminary research undertaken by you or the research team that justifies the current project proposal.
- Describe the estimated sample sizes and provisional power calculations, and explain how (patient) samples to be studied will be obtained. Additionally, describe how it is ensured that sufficient material per sample is available to carry out the proposed experiments.
- If applicable, indicate how data acquisition in general will be managed.

- *If applicable, include details on the process for patient inclusion and how data acquisition in general will be managed.*
- *Indicate how your data will advance our understanding of cancer biology, treatment, therapy response, supportive care, and /or quality of life?*
- *Indicate whether the completion of parts of the application is interdependent with the outcomes of other experiments. Are any model limitations anticipated? Describe possible contingency plans.*

Collaboration

If applicable, briefly describe the expertise and roles of the listed project team members. Highlight the added value of the multidisciplinary collaboration. If there is a collaboration or co-creation with a for-profit entity, please provide more details. What role does this entity play in further development? Do they benefit from the development and implementation of the innovation? Are they part of the commercialization model?

Parties of the Project

Provide an overview of the project team (collaborators, advisors, patient organisations, commercial partners, working groups, etc.)

Note: *project leader and principal investigators need to be added in GMS in the 'Parties of the project' tab.*

No.	Name of research partner	Institution, department	Role	Type of entity		
				Academia / Non-profit	Clinical or Public Health	SME, industry / For profit
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

Budget

A cost estimation and if applicable subdivided in requested budget, own contribution and co-funding (see example below).

Requested Budget	
Own Contribution	
Co-funding	
Total	

<i>Please provide: A cost estimation including total requested budget and if available, subdivided in project years and category costs. Year</i>	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Personnel	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE	
Personnel Budget (€750 per FTE/year)						
Material/External service providers						
Patient Involvement						
On site visits						
Open Access						
Total						

Justification of budget table *(approximately 100 words)*

Briefly justify/specify the budget table above or the total requested budget. Please, provide further information on personnel costs, material expenses, fees for external service providers, external inclusion centres, or any other additional costs.

Supporting figures

Add figures that support the content of the project. Include figures, such as diagrams, charts, or Gantt charts, that enhance and support the proposal. Ensure all figures are clear, well-labelled, and directly relevant to the proposal. The figures must be compiled on a single page, with a maximum of one page.