

## BESEDIM R-AIDERS REGULATIONS 2023

BESEDIM R-AIDERS provides scientific support to **up to 3 selected projects per year**. The support can be either **financial** (limited unrestricted grant of up to 2500 euro) **and/or logistic** (recruitment, IT..) **and/or scientific** (methodological, statistical) in nature. It is up to the applicant to suggest the type of support needed but the final decision remains with the R-Aiders scientific board. Selection for projects is done on a semi-continuous basis. For projects to be applicable they need to comply with the inclusion criteria listed below and R-Aiders needs to receive a fully completed Application File (via besedim.be website).

### INCLUSION CRITERIA

- The study, topic of this application, concerns either emergency or disaster medicine in the broader sense
- Both the principal investigator and the project promotor are BESEDIM member at the moment of application
- Ethical Committee and the Data Protection Officer (DPO) approval have been obtained or will be obtained (conditional before any actual R-Aiders support can happen).
- The promotor confirms the study is feasible and can be done within the time estimated (realistic timing)
- The study will be presented at the annual congress of BESEDIM within 3 years (at the latest) after the selection for support.
- Publications directly resulting from R-Aiders supported projects should include BESEDIM R-Aiders in the acknowledgment to their publication or in case the support is such that co-authorship becomes relevant, put R-Aiders BESEDIM as co-author to the study publication.

## **APPLICATION FILE**

The application file should be submitted via the website of BESEDIM – R-Aiders, and needs to contain the following documents:

Identity of principal investigator and project promotor: [name, address, mobile phone, email; professional credentials and full curriculum vitae].

The principal investigator is the person who will actively be leading the study project, while the promotor typically is a senior consultant with experience in the topic and/or leading the department where the study will be performed. If multicentric, please provide the identity of the centres involved.

A signed agreement with the mandatory inclusion criteria

Brief synopsis (max 1 page), with specific statement of the expected impact of the study on emergency or disaster medicine and the anticipated support requested from R-Aiders.

Full research protocol if relevant (containing introduction, research question/hypothesis, methods, timing, expected outcomes) (max. 5 pages, except supplements)

## **SELECTION PROCES**

The jury consists of 4 to 6 senior members of the BESEDIM R-aiders steering group. The composition of the steering group is validated by the BESEDIM board every 2 years. If needed, this jury may consult experts (to advise, without voting rights) before making their decision. Each member of the assigned jury has equal vote. Voting is done with simple majority. In case of ex aequo, it is up to the Chair of the jury to make the final decision. Proposals are ranked according to their mean score, after each jury member has voted (abstentions excluded). Jury members should refrain from voting if there is any relevant conflict of interest.

The jury selects based on the selection criteria mentioned underneath and then decides on the type of support R-Aiders can actually provide to the selected projects.

The following criteria should be considered when voting:

- Scientific quality of study
- Feasibility of study
- Possibility to obtain new insights or competencies in emergency or disaster medicine
- Feasibility of R-Aiders support
- Profile of principal investigator and promotor
- Completeness of application file

**Current steering committee (01/2024):**

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