



R-AIDERS

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WHAT: scientific support for up to 2 selected projects; either financial (limited unrestricted grant of up to 2500 euro) and/or logistic (recruitment, IT..) and/or scientific (methodological, statistical).

WHEN: jury selection 2* per year (April & October). For this first call R-Aiders needs to receive a full Application file by 01/10.

- **to be applicable projects need to comply with all inclusion criteria (see next slides).**

>> It is up to the applicant to suggest the type of support needed but the final decision remains with the R-Aiders scientific board.



**APPLICATION FILE TO BE
SUBMITTED VIA BESEDIM.BE**

(BEFORE THE DEADLINE ;-)

DOCUMENTS NEEDED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION FILE

1. **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.

2. **A signed agreement** confirming that all mandatory inclusion criteria are met (see next slide, each of the inclusion criteria needs to be written down in full as part of this agreement)

3. **A brief synopsis** (max 1 page)

4. **A full research proposal** (containing introduction, research question/hypothesis, methods, timing, expected outcomes, impact on emergency or disaster medicine) (max. 5 pages, except supplements)

with specific statement of the anticipated support requested from R-Aiders.



INCLUSION CRITERIA

**(ALL NEED TO BE PRESENT AND WHERE ASK,
PROOF NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED AS PART OF THE
APPLICATION)**

- 1/ The study, topic of this application, concerns either emergency or disaster medicine in the broader sense**
- 2/ Both the principal investigator and the project promotor are BESEDIM member at the moment of application**
- 3/ 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).**
- 4/ The promotor confirms the study is feasible and can be done within the time estimated (realistic timing)**
- 5/ The study will be presented at the annual congress of BESEDIM within 3 years (at the latest) after the selection for support.**
- 6/ 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.**



SELECTION PROCESS

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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 before each selection round. 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 decides both *on the ranking and subsequently on the type of support R-Aiders can actually provide to the selected projects.*

The following criteria are 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 (07/2022):

Justine Piazza (co-chair)

Patrick Van de Voorde (co-chair)

Marc Sabbe

Marc Vranckx

Alexandre Ghuysen

Koen Monsieurs

It is the explicit wish of the BESEDIM Board to actively recruit in the near future female colleagues for participation in this steering committee.