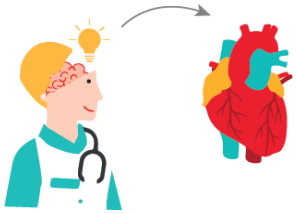
International Cardiovascular Research Partnership Awards

2026 Call for Research Proposals from Future Leaders in Cardiovascular Research

This partnership research funding scheme between the British Heart Foundation (BHF), the German Centre for Cardiovascular Research (DZHK), the Lefoulon-Delalande Foundation (LDF), Centro de Investigación Biomédica en Red Enfermedades Cardiovasculares (CIBER-CV), Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares (CNIC) and the Dutch Heart Foundation (DHF) aims to:



Support **mid-career** investigators on a trajectory towards becoming **future leaders**



Fund **innovative** research that contributes to improved clinical **diagnosis, prevention or treatment** of cardiovascular disease



Fund research that will significantly benefit from **international collaboration**

Inclusion criteria

Principal investigators (PIs) must have:



8-15 yrs of research experience after completion of highest research degree



Funding as lead applicant supporting own research group



A recent record of **senior author** publications



Their salaries **fully covered by other sources** during the project



Protected **research time** in their posts

Exclusion criteria



Previous award to PI under this scheme



Significant overlap with a previously funded project

Selection procedure



Eligibility check of PIs with respective funder

May 27th 2026, 13:00 BST



Submission of online application form via BHF's Grants Management System



Application is checked for compliance with scheme



Application is assessed by international peer review



PIs receive and respond to reviewer comments

September 7th 2026- September 21st 2026



Application, reviewer reports and applicant responses are considered at meeting of an International Review Panel (IRP) of experts

October 2026



IRP makes funding recommendations to funders

November 2026



Funders' executive bodies make funding decisions and applicants are informed

December 2026 / January 2027

British Heart Foundation

DZHK Deutsches Zentrum für Herz-Kreislauf-Forschung

Dutch Heart Foundation Hartstichting

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