The FUND FOR CARDIAC SURGERY (Fonds pour la Chirurgie Cardiaque - Fonds voor Hartchirurgie) launches a call for a thematic research project focused on considering the link between gender and cardiovascular health to improve the management of heart disease in women.

Context
Cardiovascular disease kills 7 times more women than breast cancer and many more women (56%) than men (46%). Biological differences are not the only ones involved: social representations related to the feminine or masculine gender affect the attitude of patients, the medical profession and researchers.

In research, considering the interaction between gender and cardiovascular health makes it possible to formulate new hypotheses to understand pathologies and develop better strategies for prevention and treatment.

Field of the call for research project
Innovative cardiovascular research, whether clinical, fundamental or epidemiological, that takes into account the question of gender or the biological specificities of the female heart.

Terms of participation
The call for projects is open to researchers who are members of a university research laboratory. The application file, written in English, must include:

- a presentation of the proposed research (3 pages maximum) and if necessary the approval of the Ethics Committee
- the references or possible publications to the assets of the researcher(s),
- a detailed budget (including VAT) underlying the project and specifying the other sources of funding,
- a brief curriculum vitae.

Selection criteria
Clarity and originality of the proposed research
Quality of the research environment (publications of the university department the candidate belongs to)
Expected benefits and prospects for further development

Support modalities
Either a doctoral scholarship of 35,000 € renewable maximum 3 x ...
... or Financing of the expenses related to the research project

Calendar
- Deadline for sending the application to eliane.foure@hart-chirurgie-cardiaque.org on September 14, 2018
- Announcement of results Oktober 28, 2018

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