Dear Scientist,

We are pleased to announce the opening of the **Telethon multi-round Call for research projects 2021 – 2024**.

The call aims at funding basic and pre-clinical research projects focused on rare genetic diseases and conducted by researchers working in Italian public or private non-profit research institutions.

Research projects can be submitted into one of the following tracks:

## Track BASIC RESEARCH

focused on the identification of disease mechanism/s and/or disease target/s

## • Track PRECLINICAL PROOF OF CONCEPT

focused on the identification and validation of therapeutic candidate/s.

The call opens today **December 23rd, 2021** and will close **June 30th, 2024**. Projects will be accepted for the whole period for which there will be four different rounds, corresponding to four specific deadlines. Both tracks will be available in each round, and applicants can apply to one track per round, with one research project. Each round and track will have a dedicated peer review process and competition. For more information see the text of the Call following this <u>link</u>.

Online Application and Guidelines will be available on FT grants portal and FT website by March 1st, 2022.

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