

## Call for proposals

## **Swiss Brain League Research Grant**

In 2025, the Swiss Brain League is to award a neuroscientific research grant as startup financing for a junior scientist. Any type of brain research at a recognized scientific institution or clinical department in Switzerland will be considered as potential recipients. Junior academics who have studied medicine, biology, psychology, computer science, or a related subject may be considered as potential recipients. This year, the grant is to be awarded to clinical or translational neurological research in which scientific examinations of patients play a significant part.

In principle, the grant should cover a one-year doctoral student salary if no other financial support is available. The Swiss National Science Foundation rates apply to the salary, with an upper limit of CHF 60,000 including social security.

The **following criteria** must be met to receive the research grant:

- The applicant must have completed a master's degree within the last five years.
- There is no other funding.
- The research project must be carried out in Switzerland.
- In a reference letter, the research supervisor must confirm that the potential grant holder is suitable for the research project, and that the infrastructural, personnel, and methodological requirements for the research project are being met.

Electronic applications (Word or PDF) in German, French, Italian, or English must include:

- Draft of the entire research project including definition of target milestones in the funded first year: research question, current state of research, planned approach, explanation of its scientific merit, schedule (max. 10 pages excluding bibliography), and a short summary (max. one A4 page)
- Complete list of publications including impact factor and journal rankings
- Tabular CV

- Reference letter from the research supervisor
- Declaration that neither this nor any similar proposal is being or has been submitted to any other funding institution
- Salary payment office which will administer the grant

A short report on what has been achieved is expected at the end of the year (one A4 page).

The documents must be sent by **30.06.2024** at the latest to the Swiss Brain League: <a href="mailto:info@hirnliga.ch">info@hirnliga.ch</a>

The detailed grant regulations can be obtained from the Swiss Brain League office (info@hirnliga.ch) or on the website (www.hirnliga.ch).

Prof. Jürg Kesselring, President

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