



**SCHWEIZERISCHE HIRNLIGA
LIGUE SUISSE POUR LE CERVEAU
LEGA SVIZZERA PER IL CERVELLO**

Swiss Brain League Research Grant

Regulations

Art. 1

Every four years, the Swiss Brain League awards a neuroscientific research grant as start-up financing for a junior scientist. Any type of brain research at a recognized scientific institution or clinical department in Switzerland is eligible for the grant. Junior academics who studied medicine, biology, psychology, computer science, or a related subject are eligible. 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 in the first year 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.

Art. 2

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 grant holder is suitable for the research project, and that the infrastructural, personnel, and methodological requirements for the research project have been met.

Art. 3

For the selection process, only written applications submitted by the deadline in an electronic format (Word or PDF) in German, French, Italian or English that include the following will be considered:

- Draft of the entire research project including definition of milestones in the funded first year: scientific problem / research question, current state of research, planned approach, explanation of the scientific value, schedule (max. 10 pages excluding bibliography), and a short summary (max. one A4 page)
- If available, a list of publications including impact factor and journal rankings
- Tabular CV
- Reference letter from the research supervisor (see Art. 2)
- Declaration that no submission of a similar proposal to any other funding institution is pending.
- 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 grant is not intended to be shared. The grant will only be paid once.

The grant may only be used for the research salary and social costs. The grant may not be used to cover indirect research costs (overheads).

If unexpected methodical, personnel, or personal obstacles arise that compromise or make achieving the research goal impossible, the Swiss Brain League must be informed immediately.

If the grant is misused, it will be reclaimed by the Swiss Brain League.

Art. 4

The call for proposals will be announced in the *Schweizerische Ärztezeitung* and in the bulletins of the Swiss Society for Neuroscience (SSN) and the USGEB nine months before the grant is awarded.

Art. 5

The board of the Swiss Brain League will conduct the evaluation and selection process. They will consider the following factors: originality, methodology, feasibility, relevance regarding brain disorders or the physiology of the central nervous system.

Board members with a conflict of interest (heads of institutes, those with close personal relationships) will be excluded.

A short log will be kept of the evaluation process, which may take place by email or regular mail.

Art. 6

The board's decisions are final. Participants have no right of recourse against the Swiss Brain League.

In principal, the board does not give reasons for not selecting an applicant, nor does it correspond with such applicants.

Art. 7

If no applicants apply after the call for proposals is announced or no entries worthy of the grant are submitted, the grant will not be awarded that year.

Passed by the board of the Swiss Brain League on April 3, 2019 and revised on March 24, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. W. Hess', written in a cursive style.

Prof. C. W. Hess, President