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Call for proposals

The Swiss Brain League's Three-Year Maupertuis Research Grant for Post-Docs 2027

In 2027, the Swiss Brain League and the Maupertuis Foundation are awarding a three-year neuroscience research grant to researchers who hold a doctorate and who wish to pursue a scientific or academic career in Switzerland. The grant supports brain research in medicine, biology, psychology, computer science or a related field at a recognised scientific institution or clinic in Switzerland.

In principle, the award is intended to ensure that the winner receives the same salary as a doctoral student during the three-year period covered by the award if no other financial support is available. The rates of the Swiss National Science Foundation apply to the salary, with an upper limit of CHF 110,000 per year including social security contributions.

To be admitted to the selection procedure for the research fellowship, the following conditions must be met:

- the applicant must have completed a doctorate in medicine, biology, psychology, computer science or a related field from a recognised university in Switzerland or abroad;
- the applicant must be under the age of 46;
- the research project must be carried out in Switzerland;
- the grant will be used in its entirety and exclusively for the remuneration (wage and social costs) of the scientific/academic activity;
- the applicant's research activity must be fully dedicated (100% of their workload) to the supported project;
- the research supervisor confirms in a letter of reference that the potential grant holder is suitable for the research project and that the infrastructural, personnel and methodological prerequisites for the research project are met.

The electronic application (Word or PDF), which must be in German, French, Italian or English, must contain:

- outline of the entire research project, including definition of the targeted milestones for each funded year: scientific problem/research question, current state of research, planned approach, explanation of scientific value, schedule (max. 10 pages excluding bibliography) and a short summary that can be understood by a layperson (max. 1 A4 page);
- complete list of publications, excluding the “impact factor” and “ranking” of journals (in accordance with the DORA Declaration);
- curriculum vitae in tabular form;
- letter of reference from the research supervisor;
- statement that neither this application nor a similar application has been submitted to any other funding body;
- salary payment office that will administer the grant.

At the end of each funded year, a short report on what has been achieved is expected (1 A4 page).

Applications must be submitted to the Swiss Brain League by **30 September 2026** at the latest: info@hirnliga.ch.

The detailed research regulations can be found on the website www.hirnliga.ch/hirnforschung.



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