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

Regulations

Art. 1

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. When evaluating which should be the winning project, the jury will ensure that a balance is struck between clinical research and basic research as far as possible over the years, without restricting the selection when truly exceptional projects arise.

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.

Art. 2

To be awarded the research grant, 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 conditions for the research project are met.

Art. 3

Only written applications that are submitted by the deadline in an electronic format (Word or PDF) in German, French, Italian or English will be considered for selection, and they must include the following:

- outline of the entire research project, including definition of the targeted milestone for the first year of funding: scientific problem/research question, current state of research, planned approach, explanation of scientific value, schedule (max. 10 pages excluding bibliography), and a short summary (max. one A4 page);
- complete list of publications, including impact factor and ranking of journals;
- curriculum vitae in tabular form;
- letter of reference from the research supervisor (see Article 2);
- 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).

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. Indirect research costs (overheads) may not be covered by the grant.

Should unexpected methodological, personnel or personal obstacles arise that compromise or render impossible the achievement of the research goal, the Swiss Brain League must be informed immediately.

In the event of misuse of the grant, it will be reclaimed by the Swiss Brain League.

Art. 4

Applications for the grant will be announced 10 months before the award date in the *Schweizerische Ärztezeitung* and in the bulletins of the Swiss Society for Neuroscience (SSN) and the USGEB.

Art. 5

Evaluation and selection are carried out by the board of the Swiss Brain League. They will consider the following factors: originality, methodology,

feasibility, relevance to brain disorders and physiology of the central nervous system are considered.

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

A brief record is kept of the evaluation process, which can be carried out by means of (electronic/letter) correspondence.

Art. 6

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

In principle, the Board of Directors does not give reasons for rejecting an applicant. No correspondence will be entered into.

Art. 7

If no applicants apply after the call for proposals is announced, or if no entries worthy of support are submitted, the prize for the year in question will be forfeited.

Adopted by the board of the Swiss Brain League in May 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jürg Kesselring". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Prof. Jürg Kesselring, FRCP
President