

FONDATION NOVARTIS CONSUMER HEALTH
Pour l'avancement des sciences biologiques, médicales et pharmaceutiques

NOVARTIS CONSUMER HEALTH FOUNDATION
for the advancement of biological, medical and pharmaceutical sciences
(formerly Fondation Zyma)

Objectives of the Foundation

The Foundation has established as an objective to promote the biological, medical and pharmaceutical sciences through its participation in the financing of research projects of postgraduate scientists from abroad or Switzerland, by hosting them at the Faculty of Medicine or Sciences of the University of Geneva, at the Faculty of Biology and Medicine of the University of Lausanne, within the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), the Geneva-Lausanne School of Pharmacy, or the Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research (ISREC).

Carriers of the Foundation

The Foundation is carried by Novartis Consumer Health SA, and is registered in Nyon, Switzerland. Originally called the Zyma Foundation, it was founded in 1975. Bodies of the Foundation are the Council with representatives of Novartis Consumer Health and representatives from the Faculty of Medicine or Sciences of the University of Geneva, the Faculty of Biology and Medicine of the University of Lausanne, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL) and the Geneva-Lausanne School of Pharmacy.

Research areas

The Foundation supports projects in a variety of areas such as but not limited to:

- cardiovascular risk reduction research
- analgesia research
- allergic and dermatological research
- upper respiratory tract research
- gastro-intestinal research
- vitamins, minerals and supplements
- drug metabolism
- drug targeting
- drug delivery systems
- women's health
- obesity

Conditions

- **Visiting Scientist Award**

The Foundation makes logistics awards to help facilitate the transition into one of the Swiss Universities in Geneva or Lausanne in amounts up to CHF30,000. These awards are granted to visiting scientists who are conducting research in one of the areas of interest to the Foundation.

The receiving Institutions undertake to provide the candidate or candidates with a position within their respective department, and will be responsible for the procedures connected with residence permits and other formalities concerning the Cantonal authorities.

- **Postdoctoral Stipend**

The duration of the contribution to the postdoctoral scientists will be for one year only, at up to CHF70,000.

During their residence, the beneficiaries will be associated with teaching courses in one of the Faculties of Medicine or Sciences of the Universities of Lausanne or Geneva, the Federal Polytechnic School of Lausanne (EPFL) or the joint Geneva-Lausanne School of Pharmacy. They will contribute to the study and understanding of the biological processes relating to the above-mentioned fields, particularly as far as methodology and the exchange of ideas are concerned. The postdoctoral scientists are expected to organize scientific meetings or seminars on the topic of their research. The Foundation hopes that their research will result in a personal contribution to programs of applied research.

Publications

Any publication deriving from a Foundation granted project must expressly acknowledge the support extended by the Foundation, and 20 reprints have to be forwarded to the Foundation Council.

At the conclusion of his/her period of residence, the postdoctoral or visiting scientist from abroad will submit a final report to the Foundation Council.

It is encouraged that, towards the end of sabbatical, the invited professor will organise a mini-symposium of about ½ day in the halls of the inviting institution. Notice of such symposium should be sent in advance to the secretariat for distribution to the Members of the Council.

Candidatures and proposals

Applications with the provisional approval of the Dean of the Faculty concerned co-signed by the Head of the department, must be submitted with 16 copies to the President of the Foundation, together with a curriculum vitae and a list of the most relevant publications.

Proposals should include a clear description, not exceeding 5 pages, of the objectives of the research project, and its potential applications. The proposals should also include a calendar and a realistic budget. In particular, they should indicate the amount necessary for the period of residence, separating travel expenses from residence expenses.

Only one proposal should be submitted per group.

In case of animal experimentation, the Grant will be awarded under the condition that the animal facilities of the receiving Institution pass an inspection and meet the Novartis animal welfare policy and requirements.

In order to help the Foundation Council in taking a decision, it is necessary to indicate other financial help provided by Institutions outside or within Switzerland. If funds are received from other sources between the time of application submission and the meeting/notice of decision, the applicants must inform the Foundation.

Submissions

The selection of candidates by the Foundation Council for the following year will be made not later than the end of November.

Applications must reach the Secretariat of the Foundation by 15th October at the latest.

Subsidies

The subsidies granted will be paid directly to the Institution except for visiting scientist who will be paid directly. Receipts must be made available in cases where the travel expenses are being covered.

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