

FBM Transition Grants

Aim

The "transition grants" offered by the FBM Dean's Office support female researchers, employed by the CHUV, UNIL and Unisanté, who wish to become independent and who require assistance for this transition of their academic career.

The fellowships, for a maximum duration of two years, can be used to:

- 1 Partially cover the salary of the beneficiaries to enable them to devote more time to the submitted research project.
- 2 Research costs (e.g. staff, consumables, equipment)
- 3 The costs of a stay abroad (but not for the entire period of the grant) as part of an academic project or further training related to the submitted research project.

If the grant is awarded, it may amount to CHF 100,000 over 24 months. For the other details, please refer to the rules in force.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants wishing to receive a transition grant must meet the following criteria:

1 The candidate must have a doctorate in medicine or science, a current or planned activity within the CHUV, the UNIL or Unisanté, and an academic career plan.

2 A candidate with an MD must have at least the title of MER "Clinique" or a minimum of 2 years of documented post-MD research activity with a first- or co-first-authored paper on the research topic. A candidate with a PhD or MD-PhD must have a minimum of 2 years post-doctoral research activity with a first-author or co-first-author paper on the research theme.

3 Candidates who already have an independent research position will not be considered, this includes candidates with a Professorial title (such as those with a SNSF Starting grant* (*from 1.11.2022, formerly Prima/Eccellenza). The same applies to Ambizione fellows, ERC fellows, and Privat-Doctors.

A non-clinician MER 1 or 2 cannot apply.

4 There must be consistency with the applicant's career plan and the fellowships for which they have already applied or for which they wish to apply in the future.

5 The Principal Investigator (PI) of the host laboratory writes a letter of support indicating that the applicant will be a final author, and at a minimum a corresponding or co-corresponding author, of the papers resulting from the funded project.

6 The grant may be granted only once. In the event of rejection, an applicant may only apply for the grant for a maximum of two calls in total.

Evaluation of applications

Applications are evaluated by the Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Commission. The following factors will be taken into consideration in the evaluation process:

- the scientific quality of the project
- the presentation and feasibility of the project
- the impact and productivity of the applicant and their degree of autonomy in their research
- the impact of the grant on the pursuit of an academic career and the consistency of the budget

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