

FAQ: Transition grants of the EDI Commission, FBM

Question: Can the transition grants be used to fund a project that takes place overseas for the 2-year period of the grant?

Answer: The grant does not cover projects that in their entirety are undertaken in another institute other than the UNIL, CHUV or UNISANTE.

It is not a mobility grant. The grant can, however, be used to cover a stay abroad for a short period, for example to learn a new technique, or to have additional training that would be of benefit to the project and/or career progression of the candidate.

Question: Can I transfer the transition grant to another institute other than the CHUV, UNISANTE or UNIL?

Answer: No, the transition grant cannot be transferred to another institution.

Question: Can the transition grant be extended?

The transition grant can only be extended under special circumstances following a written request to the EDI Commission and evaluation by the Dean's office.

Question: Should the application for the grant be written in English?

Answer: Yes, the application file should be sent in English as practice for applications to future grants at the FNS/Horizon Europe or elsewhere

Question: Must the project be distinct from the original post-Doc project?

Answer: The project must show intellectual and scientific independence of the applicant. The candidate writes the research proposal themselves.

Question: Can a 6th year of post-Doc be funded by Pro-Femmes grants?

Answer: no

Question: What does "pursuit of an academic career" mean?

Answer: applicants should show realistic projects for becoming independent researchers after the grant period, e.g. applying to an SNSF Starting grant (Ambizione or Eccellenza grants) according to regulations such as academic age limits.

Question: What format do I use for the CV?

Answer: Please use the SNF standard CV (version -as of October 2022) see template provided on this webpage: <https://www.snf.ch/media/en/d3Lde5m0livSv5WI/snf-cv-sample.pdf>

Question: Can an MER apply?

Answer: A non-clinician MER 1 or 2 cannot apply for the grant. Applications by an MERc – clinician – will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis.

Question: How frequent are the calls for application for the FBM transition grants?

Answer: The calls for application take place every 2 years, in the first half of the year.

Question: Can foreigners apply for the FBM transition grants?

Answer: Yes, anyone who has a contract with the UNIL or CHUV or UNISANTE for the duration of the grant may apply.

Question: Can I apply for the FBM transition grant if I have a PhD in sociology or other discipline?

Answer: Yes, a candidate with a PhD in a discipline other than medicine or the life sciences may apply for a transition grant. The application file will be evaluated for how the project fits within the FBM and how it benefits the career perspectives of the candidate.

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