



Guidelines for Submission of an Application for a PhD Grant

Grant

The grant is generally awarded every 2 years. The Foundation Physiotherapy Sciences is not obliged to award the grant. The maximum value of the grant is CHF 25,000.-.

Criteria for the Evaluation of Applications

- registration at a university as a PhD student
- well prepared research project
- approval by the relevant ethics committee
- research environment with existing infrastructure
- at least 1 publication as first author in a peer-reviewed journal
- practising professionally as a physiotherapist in Switzerland

Award Policy

The focus is on physiotherapy-related projects within the framework of clinical research and specifically relevant to physiotherapeutic practice.

The following will be considered:

- applications for co-funding of a salary for the applicant
- applications for co-funding of an overseas stay for the applicant
- applications for co-funding of testing devices, disposable materials, publications and congresses and reimbursement of remuneration for the test subjects, etc.

Application Outline

1. Title page (use the template)
2. Summary of the research project (Abstract, maximum 1 page)
3. Research project (detailed research plan with references)
4. Specific relevance to physiotherapeutic practice (maximum 1 page)
5. Approval of the relevant ethics committee
6. Funding requirements (structured according to the Award Policy)
7. CV and list of publications
8. Confirmation of registration from a university
9. Confirmation from the employer that the work being done for the doctoral dissertation is not being done as part of the employment contract (only to be submitted if the application requests funding for a salary)



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Procedure of the Foundation Board of Trustees

The Foundation Board Committee deals with the applications in the order of their receipt after the submission deadline and presents a proposal to the Board of Trustees. The decision of the Board is based on a majority decision and is final. The decision and the associated statutory requirements are communicated to the applicant in writing. The Board is under no obligation to give reasons for a rejection. The judges' decision is final.

Submission Deadline

Complete application documentation must be received at the latest by **June 30th of an even-numbered year** (postmark). The first opportunity will be 2010, then 2012 and so forth. Application or documentation that is received late (including any material originally omitted and any supplementary material) cannot be processed. Decisions by the Board will generally be made at the conference of the Foundation Board in autumn and the grant will newly and generally be awarded at the Clinical Research Forum.

Applications can be submitted in German, French and/or English and **4 copies** should be sent to:

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