



## Guidelines for Submission of an Application for a PhD Grant

### **Grant**

The Foundation for Physiotherapy Sciences is not obliged to award the grant. The **maximum** value of the grant is **CHF 25'000.00**.

### **Criteria for the Evaluation of Applications**

- admission at a recognized university as PhD-candidate
- Full-fledged research project/plan
- approval by the relevant ethics committee
- research environment with existing infrastructure
- Employment as physiotherapist in Switzerland
- at least one publication as first author in a peer-reviewed journal
- has a degree in physical therapy and works clinically in teaching or research 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**

- Title page (use the template)
- Summary of the research project and of the sub-projects (abstract, 1 page maximum)
- Detailed Research project of at least 1 sub-project (15 pages maximum, Arial, font-size 11, line spacing 1,5, exclusive references)
- Specific relevance to the physiotherapeutic practice (1 page maximum)
- Approval of the relevant ethics committee of at least 1 sub-project
- Project budget (cost top of wage costs: CHF 90.00; cost top of the publication costs: CHF 2'000.00)
- Curriculum vitae and list of publications
- Confirmation of admission from the university
- Confirmation from the employer that the applicant's work in the context of the PhD thesis is not part of the employment (to be submitted only if application for assumption of wage costs is made).
- Presentation of own performance (1,5 pages maximum).



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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 **April 15th 2024**.

Application or documentation 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 generally be awarded at the Clinical Research Forum.

Applications can be submitted in German, French and/or English and **1 pdf** should be sent to:

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