



## Booster Fonds

A project supported by the Booster Fonds aims to advance research into neurodegenerative diseases in a broader sense. Synopsis Foundation calls for innovative ideas which do not qualify for funding by Principal Investigator Grants or Career Development Awards of the foundation.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Proposals may be submitted by applicants working at the level of senior researchers or faculty members at a university, university hospital or university of applied sciences in Switzerland.
- Start-up companies will not be funded.
- Start-ups or industry partners can act as co-applicants, but they will not receive funding from the foundation.

### Topics

A variety of topics that accelerate basic or clinical research into neurodegenerative diseases or address unmet needs will be considered. These range from technological developments to proof-of-principle studies and novel digital approaches to data acquisition and analysis. Out-of-the box and high-risk proposals are welcome. Projects with a focus on dementia will be prioritized.

### Application and Submission

The application process follows a two-step procedure:

- Letter of intent, including an outline of the proposed project. If the outline is considered relevant the main applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal within 4 weeks.
- Full proposal including a detailed description of aims, workplan and budget.

All relevant information must be provided in the **application templates for the letter of intent and the full proposal**. To receive the templates please contact [hess@demenz-forschung.ch](mailto:hess@demenz-forschung.ch).

Only applications compiling all information in one pdf-document will be accepted. Applications are to be **submitted via e-mail** to [hess@demenz-forschung.ch](mailto:hess@demenz-forschung.ch).

The quarterly **submission deadlines** are: 31 March 2026, 30 June 2026, 30 September 2026, 31 December 2026.

### Evaluation Criteria

The letter of intent and full proposals will be evaluated by representatives of the Synopsis Foundation, including the Scientific Advisory Board, based on the following evaluation criteria:

- Innovation
- Relevance to dementia research
- Need and potential to accelerate the research field
- Feasibility
- Scientific quality

External experts might be consulted.

### Funding

There are currently only limited funds of CHF 100,000 available for 2026, which will be divided among the applicants.

### Questions and Contact

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