For Researchers

Synapsis Foundation - Alzheimer Research Switzerland ARS supports researchers working in the field of neurodegenerative diseases as follows:

- We raise funds from private and institutional donors to support research projects
- We organize events for scientists to promote knowledge exchange and networking between researchers of different institutions
- We contribute to ensuring optimal conditions for successful Alzheimer's research in Switzerland

Funding Possibilities

Every year, Synapsis Foundation issues a public call for proposals. Researchers are invited to submit their applications mid June of the respective year.

Topics

The thematic priorities of the calls for proposals are:

- Basic research in genetics, molecular and cell biology of Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases.
- Innovative clinical approaches for the pre-symptomatic diagnosis or treatment of neurodegenerative diseases

Funding instruments

The following funding mechanisms are currently being offered:

- **Principal Investigator Grants:** Support of innovative projects of established research teams
- **Career Development Awards:** Support advanced postdoctoral researchers at Swiss Universities and Research Institutions seeking to establish themselves as independent researchers in the field of neurodegenerative disorders

Eligibility criteria

Applications **can only be submitted by scientists working at a university or other research institution located in Switzerland.** In the case of Career Development Awards, funding in an EMBO Member Country is possible, but only in a second phase (following the first phase at a Swiss institution).

Only one project per main applicant is funded at the same time.

Evaluation criteria

The **Scientific Advisory Board** evaluates the submitted research proposals, supported by external experts, according to the following criteria:

- Originality of the project proposal
- Scientific quality
- Feasibility
- Experience and past performance
- Compliance with application requirements

The final decision for funding of selected projects lies with the **Board of Trustees**.
Timetable

- 31 March 2022: Publication of Call for Proposals
- 26 June 2022: Deadline for submission of project proposals
- End of November: Decision of the Board of Trustees on projects to be funded
- 16 December 2022: Communication to applicants regarding funding/disapproval of projects
- January to March 2023: preparation and signing of the grant agreement

Events

In order to improve networking and the exchange of knowledge between scientists from different institutions, Synapsis Foundation organizes events for researchers. The intention is to support the establishment of new research collaborations and to make optimal use of synergies.

Upcoming Events

- Synapsis Forum 2022, 21-22 November 2022 in Gerzensee

Past Events

- Online workshop: Proposal writing for clinical researchers
- Synapsis Forum 2021, 8 - 9 November 2021 in Gerzensee
- Proposal Writing Workshop for Clinical Researchers, 11 May 2021
- Synapsis Forum 2020, 24 November 2020
- Proposal Writing Workshop for Clinical Researchers, 10 June 2020
- Synapsis Forum 2019, 25 and 26 November 2019 in Gerzensee
- Synapsis Forum 2018, 12 and 13 November 2018 in Gerzensee

Call for Proposals

The Call for Proposals 2022 is closed.

This year, Synapsis Foundation received 48 applications from researchers located at Swiss research institutions. Currently, the submitted research proposal are being reviewed.

The Call for Proposals 2023 will be published end of March 2023.

If you have any questions regarding our Call for Proposals or if you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact

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