



Call for Proposals 2023

Research Grants for Principal Investigators

Submission Deadline: 25 June 2023

Dementia Research Switzerland – Synapsis Foundation announces a **Research Grant competition**. The aim of the call is to promote dementia research in Switzerland and to support innovative projects of independent principal investigators at Swiss universities or public research institutions.

Funded projects are supported with **up to CHF 300'000 for up to 3 years** (e.g. CHF 100'000 per year for a three-year project). **Institutions may not charge indirect or overhead costs on these awards.**

TOPICS

The Synapsis Foundation supports research projects on neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's disease. Topics span from basic and translational research to clinical approaches and include:

- Research in genetics, molecular and cell biology to gain new insights into pathomechanisms
- Innovative clinical approaches towards
 - an early diagnosis, including biomarkers
 - new therapeutic interventions
 - prevention studies
- Novel technological developments, including artificial intelligence/e-health, that support the diagnosis, treatment and prediction of the course of the disease
- Proof-of-principle studies

We welcome **collaborative projects** involving interdisciplinary, inter-institutional research groups. Collaboration with industry is possible, but only the university partner will receive funding from Synapsis Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, REQUIREMENTS AND SUBMISSION

Principal investigators working at Swiss universities or research institutions, **who have not received funding from the Synapsis Foundation for at least one year at the time of submission**, are eligible to apply.

All applications must be submitted by the principal investigator and completed in English, **using the templates provided on the [website](#)**. Applications include:

- Scientific abstract
- Introduction to the topic
- Specific goals of the project and detailed research plan
- Detailed budget and disclosure of all other funding sources
- Curriculum vitae, incl. a list of top 10 papers from the last 10 years

Proposals that have previously been rejected can only be submitted one more time. A detailed explanation of the changes compared to the previous proposal is required.

All relevant information must be compiled in a single pdf-file and must be submitted online via the [submission tool](#). **Submission deadline is 25 June 2023 at 11:59 p.m.**

EVALUATION

Proposals will be evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Board of the Synapsis Foundation, supported by external reviewers. The central **criteria for evaluation** are **originality, innovation, scientific quality, feasibility, experience and past performance of the main applicant**, as well as **relevance to the call**. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Final decision for funding lies with the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.

Funding decisions will be announced by 20 December 2023.

CONTACT

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