



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.

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.

The quarterly **submission deadlines** are: 31 March 2024, 30 June 2024, 30 September 2024, 31 December 2024

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

Currently, only limited funding of CHF 100'000 is available in this fonds to be paid out in 2024.

Questions and Contact

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