

Application Instructions

Career Booster Fellowship for MS and CS

This MSNZ fellowship is intended to **facilitate transition to a scientific leadership position (e.g. established group leader/(junior) professorship)** for Medical and Clinician Scientists who are on **the verge of scientific independence**. For a time period of max. 12 months, we provide funding to enable the applicant to establish/sharpen their own research profile.

Requirements:

- The proposal must be written in English.
- This funding line is intended for both, Clinician and Medical Scientists. **A Dr. med., PhD, Dr. rer. nat or an equivalent title is mandatory. W1/2/3 Professors are not eligible.**
- Max. 5 pages (Calibri Light 11, excluding attachments).
- The scientific descriptions within the application should be **understandable** without referring to additional literature (references are allowed and helpful; a reference list should be added in the attachments).
- The main focus of the application should be on the **applicant's academic profile and career plans/perspectives**. The applicant should work on their **own project(s)**, mostly **independently from a supervisor/professor** and should also have (first) **experiences in leading their own research group** (e.g. MD students, student assistants, PhD students, etc.). The applicant should already **have published at least three papers as first or last author in renowned journals**.
- An **aim of this funding line is scientific independence** of the applicant after the funding period and the **establishment of an independent research profile**. Therefore, the present application should briefly describe previous work of the applicant and one new research project of the applicant which has already been started but is not funded yet by another organization and has the potential to support the establishment of an own research profile.
- The funding period is one year (max.). **Earliest starting point is December 1, 2024, latest end point is December 31, 2025.**
- Apart from funding for the position of the applicant (50-100%; E13/E14 or Ä1/Ä2), it is possible to apply for consumables of up to 10.000 €, personnel support in the form of a technician (max. 100% E9b) or a student scientist (HiWi) and travel costs for a collaborative visit of up to 3 months in an external lab. A cost plan must be provided with the application. Travel costs are limited according to the guidelines of the DKH (travel in Europe up to 500€; travel outside of Europe up to 1000 €; housing & living costs of up to 250 €/week). **The total sum of funding applied for should not exceed 100.000 € per applicant.**
- **collaborations within our external network (UCCSH, TUHH, Fraunhofer, Hamburg Cancer Registry and others) or national/international cooperations and exchange (e.g. research exchange/travel abroad) are particularly encouraged!**
- Applications should include aspects within the field of "Dissemination & Metastasis".
- Please send your application including the attachments ideally as **one PDF file** to msnz@uke.de, until **September 8, 2024, 12 pm (noon)**.

Please adhere to the following structure:

1. Applicant data

- Name, title
- Address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Current position+ **pay scale point** (e.g. Ä1/3, E13/4 etc.)
- Affiliation
- **Applicant's career status** (e.g. Postdoc, Group Leader,...)
- **Planned start& duration of funding**

2. Description of Research Project(s) and Structured Career Plan (max. 5 pages)

- a. Project title(s)
- b. Brief summary of current status/background of the chosen **research field/topics** (appr. 1 page)
- c. **Narrative CV/ career story** with focus on running and new research project(s) and **plans for establishment of an own research profile** (appr. 2 pages)
- d. Structured and detailed **explanation and time frame of planned project/work packages** for the funding period (2025; appr. 2 pages) & **potential follow-up**.
- e. list of costs applied for (with short explanations/details, if necessary).

3. Attachments:

- a. Publication list (min. 3 publications as first/last author in renowned journals).
- b. CV with previous and currently running fundings/fellowships, awards, invited talks, etc.
- c. Letter stating that the present proposal/project idea has not been submitted to another funding organization.

3.1. **Letters of support (LOS):**

- a. from the affiliated (clinical) department, confirming (if applicable): financial support, the provision of laboratory/office space and other institutional support
AND
- b. if applicable: from the hosting research institution confirming the provision of laboratory/office space and additional institutional or financial support (e.g. consumables).