

Call for administrative support of research clusters 2024

In a letter dated 27 October 2022 and as part of the implementation of Strategy 2030, the Research Board was tasked with developing measures for the vertical integration and networking of basic, translational, and patient-oriented research.

To date, one successful way of promoting vertical integration is through research clusters. Researchers with different approaches (patient-orientated, translational, and basic research) get in contact within the framework of joint research seminars, retreats and further training activities, and can develop research projects as a result.

Already established clusters supported by the faculty include the [Cardiovascular Research Cluster Bern](#), [Clinical Neuroscience Bern](#), [Stem Cell Research in Regenerative Medicine](#), and the [Bern Cancer Research Cluster](#). As part of this call for proposals, 1 to 2 further research clusters for researchers of the Faculty of Medicine will be funded.

Key data on the funding of new research clusters

- The support for selected clusters is intended to promote vertical integration.
- Relevant key topics within the Faculty of Medicine should be considered and supported.
- Most of the research groups involved should be affiliated with the Faculty of Medicine.
- Support will be provided over two years in the form of personnel points for a coordination position from 1 September 2024 at the earliest.
- A maximum of 40 personal points per year will be awarded.
- Co-financing of the position is mandatory.

How to apply

- **Fill in the application form**
(available on the webpage [Research: All Researchers - Faculty of Medicine \(unibe.ch\)](#)).
- **Submit your application including cover letter by 30.04.2024 via Selectus:**
<https://www.grants.medizin.unibe.ch/position/8847361>
- Announcement of the results: approx. end of June

Evaluation criteria

- Does this correspond to one of the thematic areas of the Faculty of Medicine's Strategy 2030? (Exclusion criterion if not fulfilled).
- Current research output of the cluster's researchers (output that is directly related to the cluster's topic).
- Added value of the cluster's activities.
- Added value of the tasks of the coordinator position to be supported.
- Interdisciplinarity, integration of researchers from different departments, institutes, with different research approaches to address a common biomedical/clinical question.
- Realistic and concrete information on co-financing.
- Realistic information on the sustainability of the position.