

Béatrice Ederer–Weber foundation

Young Investigator call for Scientific Projects in Cancer

Purpose

Promotion of young researchers is a key goal from the Strategy 2030 of the Medical Faculty, University of Bern. The current call is aimed at promoting outstanding young researchers and shall provide them an opportunity to generate preliminary data that enhance their chances to succeed in further third party funding schemes such as those from SNF (Ambizione, SNSF Starting Grants). The Beatrice Ederer-Weber Foundation is committed to support research in the field of cancer. This call will fund project in this research area, with a particular focus on the use of in vitro models such as organoids or organs-on-a-chip.

Deadlines

Release date:	15 th January 2022
Application due:	1 st March 2022
Decision announcement:	30 th April 2022
Start of projects:	1 st June 2022
Maximum project duration:	24 months

Budget

The total budget for this call is max. CHF 100'000 during 2 years. Applicants may request between CHF 30'000 and CHF 100'000.

Applicant Eligibility

This call is open to all young researchers with an academic age of < 8 years after PhD or <12 years after obtention of medical degree. Applicants are contracted by the University of Bern or associated hospitals. The applicant must provide a written Letter of Support from the current supervisor, confirming that the applicant will be employed during the time of the running grant and will have access to the necessary facilities/labs for the complete duration of the project.

Proposal Eligibility

Proposals must address the research topic described above, and must be compliant with the specifications mentioned in the template.

No experiments on animals can be financed.

Funding will be contingent on obtaining the appropriate protocols (e.g. ethical approval).

The maximum project duration is 24 months.

Submission instructions

Scientific project proposals are to be submitted [here](#). Only online applications are accepted.

Incomplete or non-compliant applications, or those received after the deadline will not be considered. Please direct questions to Jana Lorenzetti jana.lorenzetti@unibe.ch (+41 31 684 84 90).

Selection Criteria

Applications will first be screened for overall completeness and feasibility. Only eligible applications will be considered. The Scientific Review Board (SRB) including external reviewers will then evaluate proposals. The projects will be evaluated based on scientific excellence of the project and applicant, feasibility and impact on career development.

Expenditure Guidelines

Allowable expenditures:

- Costs for laboratory supplies and consumables.
- User fees for Core Facilities.
- Hiring of research staff (PhD salaries, Laboratory Technicians, etc.). Salaries must be in accordance to University regulations.
- Costs of open access publication of results in peer-reviewed journals.

Non-allowable expenditures:

- PI salary support.
- Secretarial/administrative personnel.
- Capital costs/equipment, including maintenance/service contracts.
- Office furniture and supplies.
- Construction, renovation, or maintenance of buildings/laboratories.
- Rental of laboratory or office space.
- Personal computers.
- Non-medical services to patients.
- Subscriptions to journals, purchasing of books.
- Membership fees in scientific societies.

Grant Guidelines

To responsibly manage funds, the following guidelines have been instituted. **Acceptance of an award indicates agreement to abide by these guidelines.**

1. If a grant is awarded, the PI(s) must agree to provide a final progress report, including an overview about the results, which have been reached (publication, clinical outcome, etc.). A presentation might also be required.
2. Publications resulting from the research supported by this grant must contain the acknowledgment "Supported by the Béatrice Ederer-Weber foundation".
3. Any additional publications or grants resulting from the present grant must be reported to the medical faculty grants.meddek@unibe.ch.
4. The funds awarded shall be used solely for the purposes specified in the grant, in strict compliance with the application submitted and as executed by the recipient.
5. Grant recipients must respond to requests for information from the scientific leadership and administrative staff about their project.
6. Recipients might be asked to participate in a progress update meeting or conference to describe their research.