

Application Instructions

MSNZ Clinician Scientist - Short-Term Fellowships

Requirements:

- The proposal must be written in English.
- This funding line is intended for clinicians only. **The applicant should already hold a Dr. med. or an equivalent title.** It is sufficient if the title has been awarded by the planned start of the fellowship.
- Max. 3 pages (Calibri Light 11, excluding attachments).
- The project description should be **understandable** without referring to additional literature (still, references are allowed and helpful; a reference list should be added in the attachments).
- The MSNZ funds 1/3 of the Clinician Scientist's total salary while the CS is working on a 50% clinical leave on his/her project (e.g. the department funds 1/3 of the research time). This has to be confirmed by a statement of support by the clinical department.
- The fellowship must have a **measurable and realistic purpose/output/aim**, e.g. preparation of a larger grant proposal, clinical trial or publication, lab work on a well-defined short-term experimental project, analysis of an extensive data set etc. The outcome has to be reported in a short evaluation by the fellow at the end of the funding period (instructions will be provided by the MSNZ coordination office).
- The funding period can vary **between 4 months (min.) and 12 months (max.)** (50% release from the clinic). Earliest starting point for this round is December 1, 2024, latest end point is December 31, 2025.
- **Inter-departmental collaborations as well as collaborations within our external network (UCCSH, companies, TUHH, Fraunhofer, Hamburg Cancer Registry and others) are particularly encouraged!**
- Applications for projects **without a "wet-lab"/molecular biology background are possible** (e.g. epidemiological projects, health care research etc.) but 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 etc.)**
- Affiliation
- **Applicant's (career) status & professional aims (max. 1 page)**
- **Previous personal fundings/fellowships**

2. Project proposal (max. 3 pages)

- a. Project title(s)
- b. Clearly defined and measurable **aim/output** of the project
- c. Summary (max. 200 words)
- d. Current state of research (in the field)
- e. Project proposal (incl. translational aspect & reference to the UCCH research program “Dissemination and Metastasis”, if applicable)
- f. Applicant’s own preliminary studies/preliminary studies in hosting lab
- g. Project schedule/time frame/preferred starting date

3. Attachments:

- a. Publication list
- b. CV
- c. Declaration of the applicant to spend at least 50 % of their working time on the proposed research project
- d. Signed declaration of the affiliated clinical department confirming the part-time release from clinical obligations for the duration of the project
- e. Declaration on whether the proposal has been submitted at any other funding organization

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

LOS from

- a. the affiliated clinical department, confirming financial support (1/3 of the 50% research release), the provision of laboratory/office space and –if needed- additional institutional support
OR
- b. if applicable: from the affiliated clinical department confirming financial support (1/3 of the 50% research release) AND from the hosting research institute or other clinical department (in case of an inter-departmental collaboration) confirming the provision of laboratory/office space and -if needed- additional institutional support

Evaluation Criteria (to help you sharpen the focus of your proposal)

Clear purpose of the research time applied for, preferentially with a measurable and reportable outcome (e.g. larger grant proposal submitted, paper (revision) submitted, preparations for a clinical trial finalized, new collaboration and techniques established for a joint project)

Qualification and career potential of the applicant (clear vision for own career pathway, awareness of own qualifications & skills that the applicant wants to work on, in which way do the applicant’s qualifications fit the project)

Quality of project, degree of innovation, feasibility (within time frame)

Fits into UCCH research programs, connected to research program “Dissemination & Metastasis”? Strategic benefits for UCCH? Fills a niche/distinct from other funded projects?