

General Internal Medicine Research Fellowship Grant

The SGAIM Foundation is launching a call for proposals for the General Internal Medicine Research Fellowship with protected research time. The funding program offers financial support for non-commercial research work in Switzerland or abroad to applicants with a doctorate and a maximum of eight years of professional experience after the federal examination in human medicine. The grant includes the fellow's salary with social security contributions at 50 % full time equivalent during 12 months.

The project proposals must be submitted electronically and in English language no later than 9.9.2024 to the SGAIM Foundation.

Participation requirements

1. Eligibility criteria
 - a. Accepted MD thesis
 - b. At least one peer-reviewed, original publication relevant to GIM as first author
 - c. Ongoing or completed training in GIM
 - d. Within 8 years of the federal exam. This time window may be extended if reasons are justified in the motivational letter
 - e. Consistent and credible aim to pursue an academic career in GIM
 - f. SGAIM membership
 - g. No submitted habilitation (PD) or previous support by the Swiss National Science Foundation
2. Supported projects:
 - a. Patient-oriented clinical research in GIM or research relevant to GIM
 - b. Exchanges and collaborations with another university (in Switzerland or abroad) are strongly encouraged
3. Documents to submit
 - a. Research plan
 - i. 6 pages with 1-page summary without references
 - ii. Font size 10 point, minimal spacing 1.5
 - iii. Headings based on Young Talents in Clinical Research call (no specific template provided)
 - b. SNSF science CV. The CV can be created at www.mysnf.ch.
 - c. Motivation letter including also future career plans
 - d. Support letter from the department head including also a statement confirming commitment to support the academic career of the applicant in GIM, non-salary support including also access to data and statistician expertise, and coverage of the remaining salary at 50 % FTE (can be clinical work)
 - e. Support letter from the mentor (if not the department head)
4. Financial support
 - a. Salary of the applicant, amounting to a maximum of CHF 52,500 at 50% of a full-time equivalent, plus the corresponding social security contributions
 - b. Flexibility to distribute the 50% salary over 12 months (i.e., from 100 % FTE for 6 months to 50% FTE for 12 months)