

Betty and David Koetser Foundation for Brain Research Research Project Funding

General Information and Eligibility

The Betty and David Koetser Foundation supports clinical and basic research in the field of brain research with focus on the investigation of movement disorders and neuropsychology as well as other research areas in which a successful exchange of ideas between basic research and clinical application was established. Predominantly funding is provided for brain research performed at the Clinic for Neurology of the University Hospital Zurich and, in second instance, for brain research in the rest of Switzerland.

The Betty and David Koetser Foundation preferentially supports junior applicants, from postdoc to Principal Investigator level. Collaborative projects with the Clinic of Neurology are encouraged. Applications from foreign countries are not eligible.

Application procedure

Research proposals can be submitted annually. The deadline for applications is March 31 of the running year. Funding can be requested for the following year (for 1 year maximally). Guidelines and a template file for submission a research proposal are available on the Website. Applications will be evaluated by the Foundation Board Members and a decision will be made by May/June.

Scientific assessment criteria

Evaluation of the research proposals is based on the criteria employed by the Swiss National Science Foundation. Specifically, the scientific quality of the research proposals constitutes the main criterion for the awarding of grants, considering the following aspects:

- Scientific value and originality of the project;
- Relevance for gaining fundamental insights or improving treatment of neurological diseases;
- Adequacy of methodical approach;
- Feasibility of the project;
- Scientific track record of the applicants;
- Applicants' expertise in relation to the project.

Scientific and Financial Reporting

A brief report on project results and the scientific achievements as well as the use of funds is requested by 31st March after the funding year (max. 1 page). Carry-over of remaining funds is possible upon request for maximally one year.

Contact

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