



Call for Applications Research Fund 2026



Funding for Excellent Junior Researchers



The call is addressed to junior researchers of the University of Basel who wish to pursue an academic career and who have already distinguished themselves through their outstanding achievements. The funding aims to strengthen and promote excellent junior researchers, especially female scientists, on their path to scientific independence. Applicants can apply for up to CHF 80,000.

Who can apply for a grant?

- Outstanding PhD students of the following faculties: Theology, Law, Humanities and Social Sciences, Business and Economics as well as PhD students in educational sciences and in social or organizational psychology for completion of their dissertation;
- Postdocs who need funding for an independent, outstanding research project;
- Residents or attending physicians who as junior scientists wish to carry out an independent clinical or biomedical research project, and thereby wish to achieve academic independence.

Purpose of support

- Own salary
- Salary for a collaborator/staff member
- Funds for an exemption (e.g. from clinical duties)
- Project relevant material resources to a small extent

Criteria for evaluation

- Scientific training & previous achievements, career plan
- Research plan, research question, independence, method, innovation potential
- Integration and research environment; content of reference letters
- Feasibility of completing the dissertation is highly relevant.
- Independence of the research and the plausibility of the career plan.

Deadlines for applications

- 2 February and 1 September 2026 (each at 12:00 noon)
- Earliest possible funding start 1 June or 1 December 2026 respectively

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Funding for Activities of University Research Networks



Official university research networks can apply for contributions to carry out specific scientific activities at any time.

Funding for Strategic Research Projects

The call is addressed to scientists requiring temporary support for preparing a major grant application within a strategically relevant field of the university. Applicants can apply for up to CHF 50,000.

Who can apply for a grant?

Group I and II members of the University of Basel who, as principal investigators, intend to submit an application for a large-scale project or an innovative, interdisciplinary research proposal whose preparation requires a significantly higher-than-usual effort (e.g. NCCR, SNSF Collaborative Projects, ERC Starting, Advanced & Consolidator Grants, or ERC Synergy)

Purpose of support

- Salary for a collaborator
- Funds for an exemption (e.g. from clinical duties)
- Project-related expenses

Criteria for evaluation

- Strategic relevance and scientific quality of the submitted research project
- Scientific qualification of the applicant
- Feasibility within the requested period

Deadlines for applications

- 1 February and 1 September 2026
- Exceptions to the deadlines may be granted in justified cases (e.g. short-term call). Please contact the research office prior to submission

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