

# Young Talents in Clinical Research

Supporting medical doctors taking their first steps in clinical research



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## Background and aim

Medical doctors engaged in clinical research are faced with many challenges, including the lack of time, particularly during medical training, and the scarcity of funding for research projects. There is currently no system-inherent support for young doctors starting out in clinical research: they must acquire the necessary theoretical and practical skills mostly on their own. **«Young talents in clinical research»** aims at encouraging more medical doctors to venture into patient-oriented research, thus contributing to improving the quality of clinical research in Switzerland. CHF 1 million per year is made available to this end by the Bangerter-Foundation for the period 2017 to 2024.

### Funding instruments

- Beginner grant to finance «protected research time»: max. CHF 75'000.– per person, spread over 1 to 2 years.
- Project grant for a consecutive research project: max. CHF 40'000.– per year for up to 2 years.

### Participation requirements

Assistant doctors working in Switzerland, having obtained their medical degree no more than five years ago and without substantial clinical research experience so far, can apply for a beginner grant. In a subsequent step, grantees can submit a proposal for a project grant. A mentor with experience in clinical research must guarantee scientific and personal support during the grant period. The research supported must take place in Switzerland.

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