

Stipends and Awards Program



Alliance on Immunotherapy of Cancer

Funding instruments with fixed dead line for applications (2nd Call, September 15th, 2009)

Thesis Stipends

For students enrolled in the MD and PhD programs, working on an experimental thesis with a significant impact in translational immunology. Fellowships will be granted to the best applicants after a review of the application based on student's grades, thesis outline and support from the host laboratories.

Early postgraduate stipend

The aim of this stipend program is to give particularly talented PhDs or MDs the opportunity to pursue a scientific career in translational biomedical research. Preferentially, these projects strengthen interaction and networking within the Alliance.

Research year program/"clinical leave"

This program opens for clinical researchers the opportunity to focus on a specific translational research project. The program is specifically designed for MDs in an advanced stage of their specialty training. Successful applicants receive a stipend enabling them a) to leave their clinical position for a period of 1-2 years to carry out a research project outside their home institution but preferentially in a research group associated with the Helmholtz Alliance or b) to have "protected time" (50%) for a 2-year period in order to combine their research projects with clinical duties. The idea is to strengthen the cooperation within the Helmholtz Alliance and to provide applicants with ongoing on-site support after the research year.

Sabbatical program

For senior scientists in the Alliance (up to 50,000 € for a period of 6 month) to allow senior scientists to finance a leave up to 6 month to pick up and develop a new research initiative in translational immunology.

Application templates can be requested from the Management Office or downloaded from the Alliance's web site.

Funding instruments with continuous application

Scientific exchange program for MD/PhD students and postdoctoral fellows to cover travel expenses of young scientists who will be trained for a limited period of time in specific clinical or research methodology on a different site within the Alliance

Additional funding for junior scientists

- a) **Start up award** (one award/year; consumables up to 20,000 €) for young scientists establishing their first independent laboratory.
- b) **Equipment award** (one award/year, up to 20,000 €) to provide junior scientists with specific instrumentation required for the initiation of a promising research project.
- c) **Bridging program** (personnel and consumables up to 45,000 €/year for a maximum time span of 6 months) for covering a temporary lack of support during pending grant applications

A careful review process under the guidance of the steering committee will guarantee a high profile of accepted applicants. All funding instruments except the "scientific exchange program" require 50% funding from intramural budget or balancing by equivalent in-house effort for Alliance projects.

Please send applications to the Management Office of the Helmholtz Alliance on Immunotherapy of Cancer.

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