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LSBR Fellowship 2027

1. Introduction

In addition to proposals for project grants, it is possible to submit proposals for an LSBR fellowship. These fellowships, for a period of five years, are intended for creative and talented researchers trying to establish a new research line. *For criteria see item 3.*

Each year the LSBR will conditionally grant a single fellowship, carrying a maximum amount of 700,000 Euro over five years. The fourth and fifth year of the research plan will be granted after a positive assessment of the interim report provided during the third year of research.

2. Objective

The objective of the LSBR fellowship is to provide a structural basis for scientific research in the field of blood and blood transfusion. It provides researchers with the opportunity to carry out a long-term research programme that focuses specifically on the objectives of the LSBR.

3. Fellow candidates

The LSBR is intended for talented researchers whose names are put forward by heads of department in institutes that conduct research in the field of blood and blood transfusion.

Both university institutes and non-university institutes are eligible.

In addition to proven excellent research qualities (creativity, coupled to purposefulness and efficiency), the candidates must also be highly committed to blood transfusion research and the international research community. They must be able to independently formulate and implement a research programme. They will also be expected to be successful in obtaining research support from government agencies and/or contract funding. This means that candidates must already have some postdoctoral research experience.

Candidates can apply for a fellowship grant with some postdoctoral experience after their PhD until maximally eight years after their PhD. A tenured position at the research institute is not required but the research institute of the awardee should commit itself to supporting a position of the fellow for the whole fellowship period.

Criteria for extending the maximal application period can be clinical training, maternity, caring responsibilities or illness. For each of these criteria, and other circumstances that are deemed appropriate according to the sole judgment of LSBR, please contact the office of the LSBR in order to obtain the exact extension.

4. Assessment

The candidates and the research proposals will be assessed on the basis of two criteria: the quality of the research proposal and the quality of the researcher

a) Quality of the research proposal

The research proposal must meet the same quality requirements as a research proposal for a project grant. In addition to the formulation of the problem and the feasibility of the proposal, the scientific quality of the research proposal is the crucial factor.

b) Quality of the candidate

This will be assessed on the basis of the curriculum vitae, including a list of publications in international scientific journals and the ability to acquire funding from other sources, and a presentation by the candidate for the members of the Scientific Advisory Council (SAC).

5. Selection

The quality of the candidates *and* that of their research proposal are assessed by external reviewers and the SAC. A presentation to and discussion with the SAC are part of the selection procedure. The SAC advises the board concerning the quality of the candidate and of the research proposal.

6. The interim assessment of the grant

After 2.5 years of the grant evaluation of the research will take place. The LSBR SAC will assess a progress report over this first research period, and will advise the Board on continuation. The Board of the LSBR will then take a final decision on granting the fourth and fifth year. In general, this means that the grant for the final two years will be awarded, unless the assessment gives severe reasons to not continue support.

7. Procedure

Pre-application.

Suitable candidates can register by e-mail at the LSBR office.
Fellowship proposals have to be submitted by using the regular pre-application form.
In addition, the fellowship candidate adds a *short* curriculum vitae of max 4 pages.

The fellowship candidate will also provide a letter of commitment from the research institute that in case the full application is selected for a grant by the LSBR the research institute of the awardee commits itself to supporting a position of the fellow for the whole fellowship period.

The deadline for pre-applications is **February 1, 2027** (23:59 h).

The SAC will select no more than three candidates from all those who have submitted fellowship proposals.

A full application can only be submitted after approval of the pre-application. Fellowship candidates can re-apply for a fellowship grant only once.

Full application.
The fellowship candidate will receive an application form, a nominator's form, a candidate form, the information for the applicant.

The detailed research proposal, together with a copy of the candidate's curriculum vitae, will be submitted to the SAC and the external reviewers. The nominator form and candidate form as well as the letter of commitment from the research institute will be kept at the LSBR office.

In order to be able to evaluate your application for an LSBR fellowship as thoroughly as possible, the LSBR's Scientific Advisory Council needs to be fully informed. Please address all items mentioned below. You can incorporate this information in your answers to the questions on the LSBR's standard application form for fellowship project subsidies or in your curriculum vitae (C.V.).

The full application form, curriculum vitae, nominator and candidate forms must be sent to the address mentioned in the form on or before **May 1, 2027 (23:59 h).**

Key information for the Scientific Advisory Council: (see also instructions in the information for the applicant).

- Personal details and curriculum vitae of the scientist applying for the fellowship (separate document).
- How long have you been working on the research that the subsidy is being applied for?
- What is the research plan for the five years during which the subsidy is requested?
- What are the innovative elements of the research?
- How do you envision the composition of your team in the upcoming five years?
- What is the necessary scope of resources for the execution of the research?
- Include an approximate budget and, if applicable, specify the matching by the research institute.
- Is the research dependent on other internal or external disciplines?

All information provided must be in English.

The candidates will be invited to give a presentation of their proposal.

The Board can award a single fellowship in 2027.