Professor Dr Max Cloëtta Foundation

Clinical Medicine Plus Scholarship

Guidelines

Article 1 **Principle**	The Professor Dr Max Cloëtta Foundation (hereinafter referred to as "the Foundation") grants scholarships to clinically active physicians during or at the latest 18 months after completing their specialist training for the purpose of pursuing special training at a renowned institution (hereinafter referred to as "Clinical Medicine Plus" scholarship).
Article 2 **Length & Start date**	The Clinical Medicine Plus scholarships are awarded under the following conditions: a) The training period must last a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve months. b) Multi-year programmes are excluded. c) Applications relating to training stays that have already commenced or have been completed at the time of the application submission will not be taken into consideration. Funding cannot be awarded retroactively. d) The earliest possible start date of the training is the 1st of December of the year of the call. e) The latest possible start date is the 1st of September of the year following the call.
Article 3 **Purpose**	The main purpose of the Clinical Medicine Plus scholarships is to finance a training stay at first-class, primarily foreign host institutes and in innovative fields or clinical ancillary sciences to foster the research careers of clinically active physicians. The focus is on learning hands-on new methods or deepening knowledge in special techniques (e.g., specialised clinical techniques, molecular-biochemical methods, computational science), or gaining special skills in fields which are given little space in medical studies (e. g. public health, psychosomatic and psychosocial medicine, ethics, IT, epidemiology, pharmacogenetics, forensic medicine, health communication). Master's degrees or pure research projects without specific training components are not the aim of the programme.
Article 4 **Eligibility Criteria**	Clinically active physicians can submit an application for a Clinical Medicine Plus scholarship, a) during or at the latest 18 months after completing their specialist training (FMH); b) if they possess a Swiss citizenship or Swiss permanent residence or residence permit; c) if they are supported by a mentor at the home institution in Switzerland regarding training and career planning; d) if the mentor of the home institution confirms that they intend to accompany the scholarship holder during the scholarship period; e) if their Swiss home institution ensures re-entry. f) if the training does not begin before the 1st of December of the call year.
Article 5 **Requirements for Application Submission and Declarations**	a) Applicant Declarations and Compliance: ▫ The applicant adheres to the application requirements as communicated by the Foundation on its website, in its guidelines and as specified in the "Information sheet for the submission of applications for a Clinical Medicine Plus scholarship" ▫ The applicant commits to providing truthful information throughout the entire application process. ▫ The Foundation and the applicants comply with the revised Swiss Data Protection Act (nDSG). b) Institutional Confirmations: ▫ A mentor from the home institution (Director of the Department, Clinic, or Institute) supports the application and provides a written confirmation of this support (support letter from the home institution), as stipulated in Article 4. ▫ The host institution shall provide a written confirmation of the planned training stay and of its institutional support for the beneficiary (support letter from the host institution).
Article 6 **Selection**	The selection is carried out by the Foundation, if necessary, with the help of external experts. The following selection criteria apply: a) The quality and innovative approach of the training pursued; b) Previous achievements of the applicant; c) Suitability of the applicant for a scientific and/or clinical career; d) Quality of the proposed host institution;

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	e) Quality of the supporting institution of origin in Switzerland. f) A detailed and adequate cost budget attached to the application. Rejections need not be justified by the Foundation.
Article 7 **Support Contribution**	The amount awarded through the Clinical Medicine Plus scholarships is determined by the Foundation as a contribution to travel expenses and cost of living during the stay at the host institute. The payment will be made at the earliest three months before the beginning of the stay. If the project is not carried out as approved or if the stay abroad is shortened or discontinued, the Foundation may withdraw the grant and reclaim scholarship funds already paid, in whole or in part. Scholarship holders must inform the Foundation without delay of any substantial changes to the approved project or to the planned stay.
Article 8 **Insurance**	All insurances are the responsibility of the scholarship holders.
Article 9 **Reporting**	The scholarship holders are obliged to submit any significant changes to the submitted project that occur before or during the support period for approval by the Foundation's Scientific Committee. Scholarship holders must submit a detailed report on their completed training and research work no later than 3 months after completion of their stay at the host institute. The support of the Professor Dr Max Cloëtta Foundation is to be mentioned in the report and in the curriculum vitae of the scholarship holders.
Article 10 **Publications**	The support of the Professor Dr Max Cloëtta Foundation must be mentioned in publications produced during the scholarship period.

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