CLINICIAN SCIENTIST INTERNATIONALIZATION GRANT (UP TO €5.000)

The Stiftung Charité, together with the BIH Biomedical Innovation Academy (BIA), supports the international scientific exchange of BIH Charité (Digital) Clinician Scientists by providing Internationalization Grants. The new funding format was developed together by BIA and Stiftung Charité who finances the grants. The aim of the Internationalization Grants is to intensify international cooperation and to enable collaboration on joint projects “side by side”.

The Internationalization Grants (4 per year) are advertised 1-2 times a year and awarded competitively. The funds are intended to cover costs for travel, accommodation and a daily subsistence allowance for research visits. Only active Fellows of the (D)CSP, who are planning a short cooperative visit at a partner institution in another country or would like to host cooperation partners at the home laboratory, are eligible to apply.

Timeline:
- Call for proposals: 18.07.2024
- Application deadline: 30.09.2024, 2 p.m.
- Approval of selected grants: October 2024

What is important:
- Eligible to apply are Fellows of the BIH Charité (Digital) Clinician Scientist Program. Please note: Fellows of the Junior and Advanced Clinician Scientist Founding lines are not eligible.
- The exchange visit has added value for:
  - the sponsored person
  - the scientific project
  - the (clinic/institution of) Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin
  - the BIH/Charité ecosystem

What is funded:
- Outbound (Fellow works in the cooperating laboratory) or inbound (cooperating scientist visits the Fellow laboratory) exchange visits
- Exchange visit should be completed within 12 months of approval
- Total period of intensified collaboration "side by side" for at least four weeks; Intention of longer, more intensive collaboration
- Both existing and new collaborations can be funded
Application:

Please fill out the online application form at the [BiH Application and Reporting Portal](#)

The following information will be asked for in the online application form:

- **Details of the planned visit** (Start and end dates)
- A short description of the existing or recently initiated cooperation between the applying (Digital) Clinician Scientist and the project that they will be working on
- **The objectives of the cooperative project**
- **Description of the planned activities** (e.g. lab work, participation in workshops, field work)
- **Explanation how the planned visit will be embedded in the (D)CSP project**
- **Long-term perspective of the cooperation**
- **Benefits for the personal academic career of the applicant**
- **Added value for the BIH/Charité ecosystem**

In addition, we will require the following documents as individual uploads:

- Letter of support from your clinic or institute director
- Letter of support from the designated host
- Justification that explains the suitability of the host laboratory for the proposed cooperative visit (max. one page). This justification should outline how the resources, expertise, and ongoing projects within the host laboratory align with the research/career objectives of the applicant.
  
  Additionally, any unique opportunities should be outlined that the host lab offers and that will enhance the applicant’s research, such as access to specialized equipment, newest techniques, collaboration with leading scientists, and integration into Charité’s innovative research community. If applicable, list up to five of the most relevant publications from the host lab.
- Timetable and/or milestones for the planned visit
- Budget plan
- Duty travel request (Dienstreiseantrag), if applicable

Please note that for duty travel requests longer than three months, additional rules may apply from the personnel department and/or the travel department. If applicable, please contact these departments well in advance for information and support.

All applications must be submitted online by midday, **September 30th 2024**.

By submission of the application, applicants consent to having their data stored and processed for the purposes of this funding call. We may also use this data to contact the applicant about further activities of the collaboration. Applicants can withdraw their consent at any time, without giving any reasons, by contacting us via email ([clinician-scientist@charite.de](mailto:clinician-scientist@charite.de))
Eligibility

Applications will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- Quality of the joint scientific research project (40%)
- Academic Merit/Clarity (20%)
- Added value of the collaboration for the applicant's personal career and for the BIH/Charité ecosystem (20%)
- Potential for further collaboration and acquisition of third-party funding (10%)
- Experience and composition of the PIs/teams (10%)

Upon completion of the review process, applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email. We regret that we will not be able to provide personalized feedback on any applications.

After the cooperation activities are completed, we will ask for an informal short report through the annual scientific online progress report asked of all program fellows.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at clinician-scientist@charite.de

Funding volume:

The maximum amount of funding is €5,000.