

BIH BIOMEDICAL INNOVATION ACADEMY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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AT A GLANCE

The Berlin Institute of Health (BIH) is a biomedical research institute focusing on innovative translational research. It was founded in March 2013 by Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin and Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine in the Helmholtz Association (MDC). BIH brings together the synergetic scientific research competence of the two institutions, creating a novel structure for translational research.

BIH's Biomedical Innovation Academy (BIA) embeds a culture of translation and entrepreneurial spirit in structured career paths. The overall goals are to develop an innovative training pipeline and to facilitate a community of next-generation clinician scientists and biomedical entrepreneurs. BIA provides funding and mobility opportunities for associated basic biomedical researchers and clinicians at all early academic career levels. BIA's Clinician Scientist Program (CSP) was recommended as a "best practice model" in 2015 by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

BIA is a member of QUEST, the BIH Center for Transforming Biomedical Research. QUEST strives to increase the value of biomedical research at BIH and beyond.

BIA offers the following types of funding:

- **Clinician Scientist Grants**
- **Junior Clinician Scientist Grants**
- **MD Student Research Stipends**
- **Entrepreneurship Grants (*in development*)**

Clinician Scientist Grants

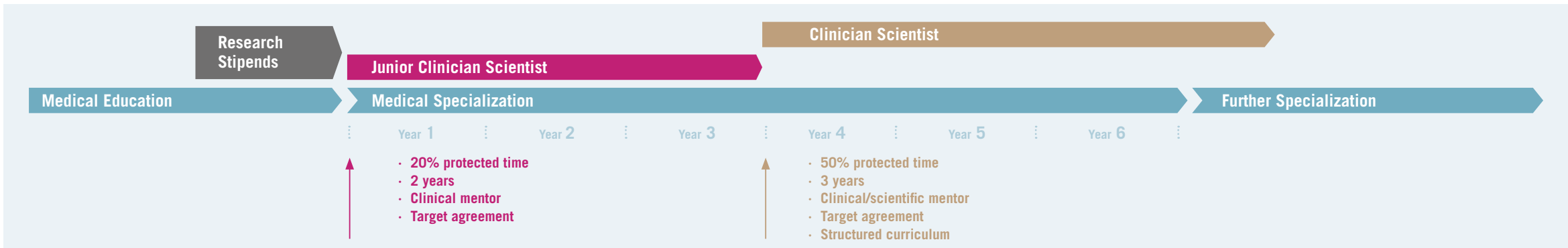
The BIH Charité Clinician Scientist Program (CSP) – a joint initiative between BIH, Charité and Stiftung Charité – is a modern career pathway in academic medicine that allows physicians to pursue a structured residency with 50 percent time set aside for clinical and basic research. The program is recognized by the Berlin Chamber of Physicians. BIH Biomedical Innovation Academy provides CSP program participants with a personalized curriculum including clinical, scientific, and transferable skills. Clinician Scientist Grants are advertised twice a year.

- **CAREER LEVEL:** Advanced stage residents who have completed at least three years of their residency training.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Candidates must be employed by Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin or hold an offer of employment if returning from abroad. Further eligibility criteria are a doctoral degree with at least “magna cum laude“ (Dr. med., Dr. med. dent., PhD or equivalent degree), high impact scientific publications, and a promising project outline.
- **FUNDING DETAILS:** 50 percent of the clinician position for three years.

Junior Clinician Scientist Grants

The Junior Clinician Scientist track is designed to help early-career clinicians, who are interested in research, gain easier access to a combined clinical-academic career at the start of their specialist medical training. During residency, program participants have the opportunity to apply for 20 percent of their working hours to be protected for research time. Junior Clinician Scientist Grants are advertised twice a year.

- **CAREER LEVEL:** Stage residents who have completed less than two years of residency training.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Candidates must have a full-time contract with Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin and must have completed less than two years of residency training. They must hold a doctoral degree with at least “magna cum laude“ (Dr. med., Dr. med. dent., PhD or equivalent degree).
- **FUNDING DETAILS:** 20 percent of the clinician position for two years.



MD Student Research Stipends

MD Student Research Stipends guarantee the research time required for excellent doctoral work whilst pursuing a Dr. med. or Dr. med. dent. degree. Stipends are announced annually.

- **CAREER LEVEL:** Medical students and students of dentistry.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Medical or dentistry students enrolled at Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin who are registered for a Dr. med. or Dr. med. dent. degree.
- **FUNDING DETAILS:** A stipend of €1,200 per month for 6 to 12 months. Here, the student dedicates himself or herself fully to experimental work.



Entrepreneurship Grants (in development)

Biomedical Entrepreneurs play an important role in the transformation of health care systems. They are key to the development of new diagnostics, therapies, medical devices, or active in digital health by developing products or services addressing unmet medical needs. With this grant, BIA would like to foster entrepreneurial spirit within the scientific biomedical community and support individuals, both clinicians and basic researchers. The development of the entrepreneurship career path is planned in collaboration with Berlin Health Innovations (BHI), SPARK Berlin, Stiftung Charité and other partners of BIA. Entrepreneurship grants are scheduled to be advertised in spring and fall (pilot call to be advertised in fall 2017).

- **CAREER LEVEL:** This grant is designated for all stages of academic career development before reaching a senior position (excluding professors, senior attending physicians and senior group leaders).
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Grant applications should be related to one of the following domains: biomedical research, healthcare delivery, medical devices or digital health. Applying entrepreneurs, should be responsible for the daily management and should be autonomous in decision-making of their project. This call is open to clinicians and basic researchers at all academic stages before reaching a senior position (see above).
- **FUNDING DETAILS:** Up to 18 months personal funding.

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