

Research funding by the Faculty of Medicine

Applications for research rotation positions:

Inspired by a research project funded by DFG (German Research Foundation) that involves doctors working in clinics more intensively in basic research through what are known as "rotation positions", the Convention of the Faculty of Medicine has decided to establish six research rotation positions, of which two are reserved for women.

Eligible applicants:

Postdoctoral staff working in clinics for a department or a working group that has worked primarily in patient care to date.

Project term:

1 year

Receiving institution: The receiving institution is to be named on the title page. A letter of support from both the sending and the receiving institution are to be enclosed.

Objective:

Full release for research purposes without limiting the clinical operations of the sending institution. The positions are designed to enable clinicians to be trained at an institution of Kiel University or University of Lübeck or Research Center Borstel that is distinguished for its research. Successful projects and partnerships in the sending clinical institutions are expected to be established to boost third-party fund-raising.

No funding is available for material resources. A statement on the total material resources provided by the sending or receiving institution is to be enclosed.

Applications can also be submitted for part-time research rotation positions.

The aim of these measures is to increase the proportion of women completing their habilitation at the Faculty of Medicine.

Requirements:

- applicants can apply for rotation positions at their own clinic/institute, but they must be supervised by an external mentor to ensure the research is interdisciplinary. Proof of this must be provided.
- research blocks of at least 3 months
- depending on the length and number of research blocks the project can be funded over a total term of a maximum of 2 years.
- the applicants must provide a detailed timetable for research and clinic work including a confirmation of the director that no clinical services will be done. This timetable must be approved by the head of the clinic and laboratory.

The application comprises the documents named below (5 individual PDF files), which must be grouped together in one "zip folder" (named after the name of the applicant) and submitted by e-mail to the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Medicine (plambeck.dekanat@med.uni-kiel.de):

Subject: Name_Rotationsstelle_Förderjahr

1. The applicant must submit the following 6 documents for each application:

- the fully completed form (Antragsformular-Rotationsstelle), curriculum vitae (max. 1 page)
- record of papers written over the last 5 years, split into original scientific papers and reviews

- application structured according to DFG guidelines (applicant, sending and receiving institution, summary, research status, own preliminary papers, work programme, prospects), but limited to 6 pages
- information on current position, funding, fixed term and reason for the need for rotation. If the fixed term ends within the funding period, a guarantee by the head of the institute that the contract will be extended must be enclosed.
- confirmation from the head of the institute that the application is supported and that no other application of a related subject matter has been submitted to another institution.
- pledge by the receiving institution and certificate provided by the director of the sending institution stating that if approved the scholarship recipient will not carry out any clinical duties and can be employed preferably after a period of 3 years after returning to the sending institution.

If animal testing approval / approval of the Ethics Committee is required, this must be stated in the application form.

The approval of the Ethics Committee must be granted at the latest 3 months after the Dean's Office has approved the project.

Animal testing approval must be applied for at the latest 1 month after the project has been approved. A copy must be submitted to the Dean's Office.

2. Applications can only be submitted once per person, both as first and second applicant. No more than one application can be included in one application process. If an application for start-up funding or a Junior Application (Junior Antrag) was approved, a new start-up funding application process can only be applied for within 2 years if the first application was transferred to an external qualified third-party funding provider (e.g. DFG, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBWF), EU, Wilhelm-Sander-Stiftung, German Cancer Aid, etc.). Funding by private societies and/or foundations as well as donations are not regarded as transfers.

3. All applications are initially examined internally by the Research Commission. The Research Commission decides whether an application is supported or rejected. The criteria for the assessment are the quality of the application, prior academic achievements, benefits for the faculty, prospects as well as outlook for external third-party funding.

4. The approved funds are available to the applicant directly and exclusively for carrying out the research project applied for. If the position situation changes and the applicant leaves, the Dean's Office must be notified immediately and the approved funds returned to the Faculty of Medicine. The Dean's Office decides exceptions to this rule in individual cases.

5. Without being asked to do so, one year after the start of the project - but at the latest at the end of the project term - applicants of approved research projects are required to submit a brief report to the Dean's Office for acceptance by the Research Commission (approx. one page), stating the financing scheme over the course of the project, noting any publications and, if necessary, any applications for third-party funds. The reports can be viewed by request by members of the Faculty of Medicine in the Dean's Office. The applicant recognises the production of a brief report as an obligation at the time of accepting the funding. If the report is not submitted or is left incomplete for a long period, the funding is paid back by the applicant's institution.

A new application is only possible if reports for previously approved applications were submitted to the Dean's Office.