



Guidelines for Junior Faculty applications at the Department of Biomedicine (DBM)

SNSF Eccellenza, ERC starting/consolidator grants and similar career development grants

Applicants interested in the DBM as the host institution should identify and contact one or several research group leaders at the DBM who work in a related field (see listings of research groups at our website). Ideally, one of these research group leaders should support your application and provide advice and mentoring to successful candidates.

The applicant then sends a formal application to the chair of the DBM Junior Faculty Recruitment Committee (JFRC; daniel.pinschewer@unibas.ch) and the DBM coordinator (f.neumann@unibas.ch). This application should be sent as one pdf document and contain the following parts:

- cover letter (max. 1 page)
- CV, preferentially in biosketch format (max. 2 pages)
- publication list; please use separate categories for original publications and for reviews, book chapters and alike, start with most recent publication and highlight your name
- summary of research interests (max. 1 page, font size 11 and 1.5 line spacing)
- outline of planned project (max. 1 page, font size 11 and 1.5 line spacing)
- filled in form "required resources.xlsx" (animals, equipment, etc.)
- support statement by prospective mentor (max. 1 page)
- at least one reference letter by a previous supervisor should be directly sent to the chair of the JFRC (daniel.pinschewer@unibas.ch)

Applicants are encouraged to initiate this first step 4-6 months ahead of the actual application deadline set by the SNSF (or other funding agency).

Evaluation and criteria for decision within the DBM

If the structural requirements for the proposed SNSF-professorship are judged feasible, the application will be forwarded to the DBM Junior Faculty Recruitment Committee, which will further evaluate the application. The Junior Faculty recruitment committee consists of 8 DBM scientists/research group leaders covering basic and translational aspects of all the four DBM focal areas of research.

The evaluation will include:

- review of the application (quality of the proposal) and the applicant's track record
- selection of candidates that will be invited for a seminar and interviews



The recruitment committee will organize a symposium where all selected applicants will have their seminar and interviews on the same day.

The final decision will be made by the DBM executive board based on the recommendations by the recruitment committee. The successful candidates will obtain a letter of confirmation by the head of DBM specifying the institutional support for the application.

Dates and deadlines for 2019/2020 SNSF Eccellenza and ERC consolidator applications:

- before October 1, 2019:
 - seek support by mentor
 - assessment of structural requirements
- October 1, 2019 (12:00 CET): application deadline for all candidates
- October 20, 2019: invitation of selected candidates
- December 2 - 13, 2019: Junior Faculty Recruitment Symposium and Interviews
- February 1, 2020: application via MySNF
- approx. February 16, 2020: ERC consolidator application (call opens approx. October 24, 2019)

2020 ERC starting grant applications:

There are not dates and deadlines available. This will be one of the first calls in the Horizon Europe program. Currently it is unclear, if Switzerland will be able to participate in this program. Details of the call will be published in 2020.

Junior Faculty Recruitment Committee (JFRC) 2019/2020

- Tania Barkat Rinaldi
- Marc Donath
- Raphael Guzman
- Christoph Rochlitz
- Jürg Schwaller
- Michael Sinnreich
- Volker Spindler
- Daniel Pinschewer (chair)

