



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). 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 Eccellenza-ERC.docx" (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 management team 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 2021/2022 SNSF Eccellenza and ERC applications:

- **before September 1, 2021:**
 - seek support by mentor
 - assessment of structural requirements (Head of Organization)
- **October 1, 2021 (12:00 CET): application deadline** for all candidates (Please note that applications after the deadline will not be accepted!)
- Date to be defined: invitation of selected candidates
- Date to be defined: Junior Faculty Recruitment Symposium and Interviews
- February 1, 2021(17:00 CET): application via MySNF

2022 ERC starting grant and ERC consolidator grant applications:

- ERC Starting grant: Deadline 13.1.2022 (tbc)
- ERC Consolidator grant: Deadline 17.3.2022 (tbc)

<https://www.unibas.ch/en/University/Administration-Services/Vice-President-for-Research/Grants-Office/Individual-Grants/Is-ERC-for-me-.html>

Please note that due to the current status of Switzerland as “third country” participation of Switzerland in this funding instrument is unclear. Please contact the grants office for further information.

Junior Faculty Recruitment Committee (JFRC) 2021/2022

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