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# Call for proposals 2023

Deadline  
7<sup>th</sup> March  
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# Leenaards Prize for Translational Medical Research

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## Call for proposals 2023 Translational Medical Research

The Leenaards Foundation stimulates creative dynamics in the Lake Geneva region. It supports people and institutions that are able to deploy creativity and innovation in the fields of culture, aging and biomedical science. Projects are selected on the basis of quality as well as their ambition to accompany the rapid changes in today's society.

The Leenaards Foundation supports Translational Medical Research in the Lake Geneva region carried out in collaboration with academic institutions. The aim is to strengthen structural links between clinical and basic research. The Leenaards Foundation is open to projects in the fields of integrative or personalized medicine.

## Amount at disposal for the 2023 call

The amount at disposal is **1,5 million Swiss Francs (CHF)** to be distributed between 2–3 major and innovative projects with maximum budgets between 500 and 750 KCHF.

Supported research team(s) will be free to plan the use of the funds over the duration of the projects (maximum 3 years).

## Conditions

The project will investigate a clinical or health problem from an original angle including pathogenesis, diagnosis, prevention or therapy. It must associate clinical and basic research.

The project must include a human research component. The proposal must stand on its own; however, it may be embedded in the context of an existing study.

Preference will be given to projects attesting a new collaboration between 2–3 partners in the Lake Geneva region, carried out with academic institutions (CHUV, UNIL, HUG, UNIGE, EPFL). Two partners of the Lake Geneva region may seek the collaboration of a third partner belonging to another region/country.

The Prize is not renewable.

If your project is supported by the Leenaards Foundation you agree to actively participate in promoting communication of the launch and results of your project.

This implies to:

- write a summary in French of your research project for the general public
- actively participate in the production of a video on your research project and make yourself available for media, if required
- include the Leenaards logo and/or mention «project supported by the Leenaards Foundation» on communication and publications related to the research project (press releases, articles, presentations, etc.)
- participate in the Leenaards awards event.

## Applicants

The primary applicant (principal investigator) will be a clinical scientist (MD, MD-PhD, or PhD) below age of 45, with an established research track, who has demonstrated her or his capacity as an independent investigator to lead original clinical research.

The project's co-applicants (max. 2), preferably also at a relatively early stage in their careers, will have shown their skills in their respective fields. Their contributions in the project must be clearly specified. All applicants must hold a «stable position» for the entire duration of the project.

Applicants who have been granted the «Leenaards Prize for Translational Medical Research» during the last 3 years (2019–2021) are not eligible, and the project cannot be an extension of a previous Leenaards project.

## Online applications & guidelines for submission

For the first evaluation round, applicants need to submit:

- a letter of intent\* (maximum 4 pages, including the most important references pertaining to the project). This letter should highlight the general importance of the project, provide a summary of the research plan and describe the importance of the collaborations and the specific roles of the principal investigator and the co-investigators in the project (max. 2 co-applicants). The authors are invited to describe how the interaction between the applicants is ensured. The feasibility of the project should be clearly described.
- a budget (and other sources of funding, if any) must be specified
- short curricula vitae (CV) of the principal investigator and maximum two co-investigators. Maximal length of 4 pages each, including a list of max. 10 personal references considered the most important in the perspective of the project. No additional reference list should be submitted. Please, refrain from providing bibliometric data.

\* layout: arial font, size 11, single-spaced, margins 1.5 cm on all sides

Applications should be submitted in English.

Support documents (letter of intent / budget / CV's) are to be submitted as separate files. All documents should be in pdf format and follow the specified layout.

Applications must be submitted online, by 7th March 2022

[www.leenaards.ch/scientifique/call-for-proposals](http://www.leenaards.ch/scientifique/call-for-proposals)

## Deadline, selection & timetable

The evaluation of projects will take place in two stages:

- 1.** An initial selection (based on letters of intent due by 7th March 2022) will be made by the Jury by the end of March 2022. Decisions will be communicated to applicants by 6th April 2022.
- 2.** The applicants of the selected projects will be invited to prepare a full proposal by 1st June 2022 for evaluation by the Jury and external experts (specific instructions will be given at this stage). An official support letter by the involved institutions will be required at this stage.

The final decision will be communicated by the end of September 2022, and the project could start earliest in January 2023.

# Contact

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