

Application Instructions *MSNZ Fellowship for MS*

Fellowship for Medical Scientists

50-100% E13/E14 for a maximum of 24 months; co-funding by other sources possible

Additional funding for:

- Travel
- Consumables (max. 10.000 €)
- Student scientists (HiWi)

This MSNZ fellowship is intended to **facilitate first steps towards scientific independence for Medical Scientists (e.g. Life Scientists) 1-4 years after the PhD**. It provides funding for your position plus startup funding for consumables. Moreover, you will join the MSNZ Community and benefit from our additional career support, including:

- travel funding (for conferences or visits to collaboration partners),
- further and advanced training in relevant scientific and leadership skills (e.g. grant writing, self-marketing, micropolitics, bioinformatics, scientific writing techniques,)
- (peer-)mentoring, individual coaching and counseling
- being part of a strong, supportive community and information network within the junior faculty of the UCC Hamburg

Requirements:

- The proposal must be written in English.
- This funding line is intended for Medical Scientists (= Life Scientists or Physicians who are fully dedicated to research/pursue a research-oriented career). **A Dr. med., PhD, Dr. rer. nat or an equivalent title is mandatory. W1/2/3 Professors are not eligible.**
- Max. 5 pages (Calibri 11, excluding attachments).
- The scientific descriptions within the application should be **understandable** without referring to additional literature (references are allowed and helpful; a reference list should be added in the attachments).
- The main focus of the application should be on the **applicant's academic profile and career plans/perspectives**. The applicant should work on their **own project(s)**, showing at least some **independency from their supervisor/professor**, and should already **have (co-)authored at least one publication in a renowned journal**.
- One aim of this funding line is **support of the applicant in the first steps towards scientific independence** and the **establishment of their own research profile, preferentially within the research focus areas of our Cancer Center** (see: [UKE - University Cancer Center Hamburg - Hubertus Wald Tumor Center - Research programs](#)). Therefore, the application should briefly describe the applicant's previous work as well as a new research project that is not yet funded by another organization. The project should align with one (or more) of our Cancer Center's focus areas and show potential to strengthen the UCC Hamburg's research profile.

- The funding period is up to two years (max.). **Earliest starting point is January 1, 2026, latest end point is December 31, 2027.**
- Apart from funding for the position of the applicant (50-100%; E13/x), it is possible to apply for consumables of up to 10.000 €, support by a student scientist (HiWi/Mini-Job) and travel costs for a collaborative visit of up to 3 months in an external lab. A cost plan must be provided with the application. Travel costs are limited according to the guidelines of the DKH (travel in Europe up to 500€; travel outside of Europe up to 1000 €; housing & living costs of up to 250 €/week). **The total sum of funding applied for should not exceed (but can be less than) 230.000 € per applicant for 24 months. We strongly encourage applications with shared positions (part-time) between different departments and fields of work.***
- **Collaborations within our external network (UCCSH, TUHH, Fraunhofer, Hamburg Cancer Registry and others) or national/international cooperations and exchange (e.g. research exchange/travel abroad) are particularly encouraged!**
- Applications should include aspects within the field of “Dissemination & Metastasis”.
- Please send your application including the attachments **as one PDF file** to msnz@uke.de, **by July 31, 12 pm (noon).**

It is mandatory to adhere to the following structure/use this structure as a template:

1. Applicant data

- Name, title
- Address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Current position+ **pay scale point (e.g. E13/3 etc.)**
- Affiliation
- **Date of dissertation**
- **Planned start& duration of funding**

2. Description of Research Project(s) and Structured Career Plan (max. 5 pages)

- a. Project title(s)
- b. Brief summary of current status/background of the chosen **research field/topics** (appr. 1 page)
- c. **Narrative CV/ career story** with focus on running and new research project(s) and **plans for establishment of an own research profile** (appr. 1 page) within the UCC Hamburg’s focus areas
- d. Structured **explanation and time frame of planned project/work packages** for the funding period (2025; appr. 2-3 pages) & **potential follow-up.**
- e. list of costs applied for (with short explanations/details, if necessary; e.g. co-funding of own position by other means*) and possible follow-up plan for funding of own position

3. Attachments:

- a. Publication list (min. 1 publication as first (or co-) author in renowned journals).
- b. CV with previous and currently running fundings/fellowships, awards, invited talks, previous staff/supervision responsibilities etc.
- c. Letter stating that the present proposal/project idea is not already funded by another funding organization. Please mention if you have submitted or are going to submit a simultaneous application at another funding organization with the same project.

3.1. Letters of support (LOS):

- a. from the affiliated (clinical) department, confirming (if applicable): financial support, the provision of laboratory/office space and other institutional support/follow-up funding
AND
- b. if applicable: from the hosting research institution confirming the provision of laboratory/office space and additional institutional or financial support (e.g. consumables).
AND
- c. if applicable/in case of shared funding for own position from (co-)funder/institution stating the amount of VK/funding provided*

*examples:

- 20-40% working time in a clinical trial center as trial manager (paid by the trial center) + 60-80% working time for research project (granted by MSNZ)
- 20-40% working time in science communication/science management for a collaborative project (like an SFB etc.) or an institution + 60-80% working time for research project (granted by MSNZ)
- 20-40% working time in a Core Facility + 60-80% working time for research project (granted by MSNZ)