

Application Instructions *MSNZ Partner Laboratories*

Partner Laboratory funding

- Medical Scientist 50-100% E13/14 for a maximum of 24 months; co-funding by other sources possible
- Clinician Scientist 30-50% Ä1/2/3 for a maximum of 24 months, co-funding by other sources possible

Additional funding for:

- personnel (PhD student- concept for 3rd year's funding needed-, Technical Assistant, Student Scientist)
- Consumables
- Travel

Total funding sum: maximum 520.000 € /24 months

This funding line within the MSNZ program supports the establishment of independent research groups, so-called partner laboratories, in which Clinician and Medical Scientists form interdisciplinary teams. For these partner labs, we are looking for **Medical Scientists (postdocs in Life Sciences)** with a focus on translational cancer research who would like to work on their own research projects **in a team with a Clinician Scientist**. On the basis of a joint project proposal submitted by the Medical Scientist and the Clinician Scientist (with two clearly defined sub-projects), the MS position will be funded at up to 100% and the CS position at up to 50% for an initial period of up to two years.

- The proposal must be written in English.
- This funding line is intended for a team of one CS and one MS. **A Dr. med., PhD, Dr. rer. nat or an equivalent title is mandatory. W1/2/3 Professors are not eligible.**
- The project description should be understandable without referring to additional literature (references are allowed and helpful; a reference list should be added in the attachments)
- This proposal should be prepared jointly by both researchers (Medical Scientist + Clinician Scientist) with two clearly defined, interrelated subprojects.
- We encourage interdisciplinary applications with partners outside of the "classical" field of molecular biology (e.g. physics, (bio-)informatics, epidemiology, health care and outcome research etc.)

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

1. Applicant data

1.1. Medical Scientist (Postdoctoral Fellow)

- Name, title
- Address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Current position + pay scale point (e.g. E13/4, E14/1 etc.)
- Affiliation

- Applicant's career status (e.g. Postdoc, Group Leader,....)
- Short narrative CV/ career story with plans for establishment of an own research profile

1.2. Clinician Scientist (Physician)

- Name, title
- Address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Current position+ pay scale point (e.g. Ä1/5 etc.)
- Affiliation
- Applicant's career status (e.g. Resident, Specialist, Group Leader,....)
- Short narrative CV/ career story with plans for establishment of an own research profile

2. Joint project proposal for the MSNZ partner laboratory

2.1. Project description (max. 10 pages)

Two interrelated (sub) projects defining the role of the Clinician Scientist and the Medical Scientist

Jointly:

- Project title(s)
- Summary
- Current status/background of the chosen research field/topics (1 page)
- If applicable: own preliminary results and contributions to the topic
- Aims and work plans for each sub-projects with clearly defined work packages, realistic time frame for each sub-project
- Integration into the UCC Hamburg and existing research environment at the UKE and Hamburg Metropolitan Area (including UKSH): please describe how the project(s) fit into the overall strategy and research programs of the UCCH (see: UKE - University Cancer Center Hamburg - Hubertus Wald Tumor Center - Research programs) and describe why the department(s)/institute(s) you will be working with is (are) a suitable partner institution(s) for the project. If an external project partner is part of the project, please describe.
- How does the joint project promote bidirectional translation ("From bench to bedside and back")? How will the projects interact with and strengthen the UCCH research focus of „*Dissemination and Metastasis*“?
- Budget plan for the whole project (e.g. own positions of applicants indicating co-funding by other sources, personnel to be hired, consumables, travel). Please indicate and describe additional institutional support for the project(s) (e.g. for further funding for PhD student beyond 24 months and other co-funding). **The total sum of funding applied for should not exceed (but can be less than) 520.000 € for 24 months. We strongly encourage applications with shared positions (part-time) between different departments and fields of work, especially for the MS.* Cost-neutral extension of funding beyond 24 months can be discussed in case of co-funding of home institution(s).**

+ Joint future prospect for the project/the cooperation, also on financial level (by participating institutions)

2.2. Partnership organizational structure (max. 1 page)

Please describe in detail the interface between the subprojects of both applicants. How will the collaboration/day-to-day work and duties be structured? What are the anticipated benefits of

your collaboration in a partner laboratory? Please make clear whether this is an already existing collaboration or a new „partnership“.

3. Attachments:

3.1. Attachment Medical Scientist

- a. Publication list/current & former fundings
- b. Declaration of the applicant to commit the respective amount of working time applied for (50-100%)* to the project financed by the MSNZ.
- c. Declaration of the hosting departments/institutes for additional institutional support (additional personnel/consumables/funding)
- d. For external applicants: declaration of support of the receiving/hosting institute/clinical department at the UKE in which the applicant will be located, confirming the provision of laboratory/office space

3.2. Attachment Clinician Scientist

- a. Publication list/current & former fundings
- b. Declaration of the applicant to spend the amount of their working time applied for (30-50%) on the proposed research project.
- c. Signed declaration of the clinical department confirming the part-time release from clinical obligations for the duration of the project
- d. Declaration of the hosting departments/institutes for additional institutional support (additional personnel/consumables/funding)
- e. For external applicants: proof of a clinical position for the applicant and declaration of support of the receiving clinical department at the UKE.

*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 (e.g. an SFB etc.) or an institution + 60-80% working time for research project (granted by MSNZ)
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