

Announcement of the Adrian & Simone Frutiger-Grants

The Adrian and Simone Frutiger Foundation aims at supporting scientific research in the field of neuropsychiatry and neuropsychology, particularly in young people. To this end, competitive research grants of two years' funding period on a 100% employment basis are financed. The grant may also be used on a 50% employment basis during four years to complement a 50% clinical engagement in patient care at the home institution or as a sole 50% research activity (without or with reduced complementing clinical activity), when family reasons only allow a part-time employment. The research grants either (A) finance the applicant's own salary for a post-doc position or (B) enable an applicant who is salaried by his home institution to employ a post-doc research assistant for his scientific project. In the latter case, a designated potential post-doc person must be named. The call for application is usually announced on an annual basis in the first quarter of the year.

Upon submission of a fully documented request, the grant may be prolonged by one or two year(s) of 100% or 50% employment respectively. Such a request must be submitted no more than 6 and no less than 3 months before the expiry of the regular stipend period.

The funded post-doc salary amount is based on the SNSF standards, and local social costs apply (*vide*: annexe 12, General Implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations of the SNSF.)

The following conditions apply for the research grants:

1. The emphasis is on clinical / translational research in neuropsychiatry or neuropsychology. Research in young adults, adolescents, or children are preferably supported.
2. The research activity of the recipient of the grant takes place in Switzerland.
3. The applicant (A) or potentially employed post-doc (B) is holding a doctorate (PhD, MD, Dr. phil. in psychology or analogue).
4. The applicant (A) or potentially employed post-doc (B) is aged under 44 years at the time of submitting the application.
5. Other funding is lacking.
6. The head of the department, institution, or research group is testifying the following (letter of support):
 - I The applicant is suitable and capable for the envisaged research project.
 - II The post-doc financed by the Foundation will be exempt from clinical duties during the funded research time: In the case of a 100% research grant during 2 years he must be permanently and fully exempt from all clinical duties and administrative work unrelated to the research project during the whole stipend period; In the case of a 50% research grant during 4 years he/she must be 50% exempt from clinical duties and administrative work unrelated to the research project during the stipend period.

- III All requirements for a successful execution of the project concerning equipment, methodology, and staff/personnel are being met during the period of the stipend period.
 - IV The Adrian & Simone Frutiger Grant is being used entirely and exclusively for the salary of the applicant / employed post-doc (wages, social costs) for his or her research engagement as shown in the submitted budget.
7. The electronic application (pdf or word format) containing the description of the research project with timetable, a curriculum vitae, a personal list of publications, a letter of support by the mentor/research group leader, as well as the salary budget must be addressed to the president of the scientific committee of the Adrian & Simone Frutiger Foundation.
 8. Notice of decision will be given by the end of October of the current year. The decision is in the sole discretion of the Foundation and is definitive. The Foundation does not provide any information on the decision-making process.
 9. In the event of a favourable decision, the funded project must start no later than at the beginning of July of the following year. If this is not possible, the applicant must produce a substantiated request for postponement of the start. If the project cannot start within a reasonable period of time for any reason, the Foundation's commitment to payment of the grant expires.
 10. In case of unexpected methodological difficulties or personnel problems which could jeopardise the project in any way, the president of the scientific committee of the Foundation must be immediately informed. The Foundation reserves the right to suspend, withhold, or recover the grant funding if serious and substantiated concerns about a successful completion of the project arise. Likewise, in the event of misuse of the grant, the funding will be reclaimed by the Foundation.
 11. After the first year (in case of two years' funding period) or second year (in case of four year's 50% funding period) a short written interim progress report, length no more than 500 words, must be handed to the president of the scientific committee of the Foundation. At the end of the project, a report on the course and results of project, length no more than 1'500 words, must be submitted to the Foundation (president of the Foundation and president of the scientific committee). The Adrian & Simone Frutiger Foundation expects to be acknowledged in full name on the publications which are based on the results of the supported project. Copies of these publications must be sent to the president of the scientific committee of the Foundation as soon as available.

Applications in electronic form must be submitted by end of June 2017 to Prof. W. Strik, President of the scientific committee of the Adrian & Simone Frutiger Foundation, E-mail: strik@puk.unibe.ch (University Hospital of Psychiatry, Bolligenstr. 111, 3000 Bern 60).