

Return Grant

The Walter and Gertrud Siegenthaler Foundation awards return grants to young scientists who have conducted research abroad and wish to return to Switzerland to take up a position at the University of Zurich, the University Hospital Zurich, the University Children's Hospital Zurich, Balgrist University Hospital, or the Psychiatric University Hospital Zurich. The grant provides protected research time, enabling recipients to continue their scientific work while resuming their clinical activities.

The grant is generally awarded for 12 months with 50% protected research time (50% research – 50% clinical work). The exact funding amount depends on the classification of the candidates for public-law employment at the University of Zurich (UZH) during the protected research period. Classification is determined by the central HR department at UZH. The return grant is awarded at the Dies academicus of the University of Zurich.

An application for the science prize is only possible if **all of the following requirements** are met:

- Applicants must have a completed medical education (passed state examination or international equivalent).
- At the time of application, the applicant must be conducting a research stay abroad.
- After completion of the research stay abroad, the applicant must hold a confirmed position at the University of Zurich, the University Hospital Zurich, the University Children's Hospital Zurich, Balgrist University Hospital, or the Psychiatric University Hospital Zurich (confirmation letter from the institution required).
- Applicants must provide evidence of both clinical activity and scientific achievements.
- Mentoring at the host institution must be guaranteed to ensure continuous career development upon return.

Evaluation Criteria:

Provided the above requirements are met, applications may be submitted for review. The following evaluation criteria will be applied:

- Previous scientific achievements (achievements and their scientific quality), in particular during the stay abroad.
- Originality and relevance of the research project (scientific significance and topicality, as well as approach, feasibility, and suitability of the research institution).
- Career history and prospective career planning of the applicant (assessment of the career path to date and the planned career development after return).
- Previous clinical training and activities in Switzerland and abroad (subject-related clinical education, further training, and clinical work).

Multiple applications (e.g. simultaneous applications for SNSF grants) must be indicated on the application form. This does not constitute a disadvantage in the evaluation of the return grant.

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Deadline for submission: from September 1 to December 1 of the current year

Project start date: June of the following year

Please fill out the Application Form for the Research Fellowship (Application Form Research Fellowship) completely and send it with the documents requested therein by e-mail in a single PDF with the subject "Application Siegenthaler Award" to:

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The **original application form** for the Return Grant (without further documents) must also be sent to the following address:

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If you have any questions regarding your application, please do not hesitate to contact PD Dr. Ulrike Weber.