

Johanna Dürmüller-Bol DBMR Research Award 2021

Guidelines and Information on the Johanna Dürmüller-Bol DBMR Research Award 2021

Deadlines

Open date:	Tuesday, August 24, 2021
Application due:	Monday, October 25, 2021
Decision announcement:	January/February 2022

Purpose

Funding is expected to help young researchers to pursue their research project and to secure additional competitive third party support (SNF Ambizione, SNF Prima, SNF Eccellenza, SNF, Swiss Cancer League, Swiss Heart Foundation, etc).

Amount of Research Award

The Johanna Dürmüller-Bol DBMR Research Award amounts to CHF 30'000.

Applicant Eligibility:

This call is open to researchers working at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Bern, that have completed a MD, PhD or MD-PhD degree and hold the title of Postdoctoral Fellow, Instructor, Research Associate or equivalent. Applicants must be under the direct supervision of a mentor. Researchers already supported by career schemes, such as the SNF Ambizione, SNF Prima, ERC Starting Grant, are not eligible.

The applicant must provide a written Letter of Support from their current mentor/supervisor confirming that the applicant will have access to the necessary facilities/labs for the complete duration of the project. The letter must include the plan to launch an independent career for the applicant.

Proposal Eligibility:

Proposals must be clinically oriented and need to be outlined in detail (a research idea is not sufficient). Preliminary data should be included in the proposal. Each applicant can only submit one proposal.

Projects already funded through third-party grants will not be considered.

To be eligible, applications must include the following items:

1. **Application form** (template provided must be used). The application form includes the Research Proposal, the detailed budget, the applicant's CV, and the applicant's publication list. All sections need to be completed.
2. **Letter of support** from the applicant's supervisor with career plan leading the applicant to an independent career.

Submission instructions

Applications should be submitted as **one** single PDF document to awards.dbmr@unibe.ch. The subject line of the e-mail should read "Johanna Dürmüller-Bol Research Award Application". Receipt will be confirmed by e-mail.

Incomplete or non compliant applications, or those received after the deadline will not be considered.

Selection Criteria

Applications will first be screened for overall completeness and feasibility. Only eligible applications will be considered. Proposals will then be evaluated by the "Johanna Dürmüller-Bol DBMR Research Award 2021" Commission. External experts may be called in for assessment and evaluation. The projects will be evaluated on the basis of scientific merit and feasibility. The applicants track record will be taken into account based on level of experience.

The decision of the Commission is final and cannot be appealed. There is no legal requirement to decide the research award.

Award Announcement

All applicants will be informed of the result January/February 2022.

The 2021 Research Award will be given on the Opening Day of the New Building Murtenstrasse 24 in late February/early March 2022. The exact date and the other details about this event will be communicated in due time.

Award Regulations

Expenditure Guidelines

Allowable expenditures:

- Leave of absence of the recipient of the Research Award for research work
- Salary for staff (according to pay scale of the University of Bern)
- Consumables (for project only)
- Use of core facilities
- Purchase of specific equipment for the project

Not allowable expenditures:

- Conference or seminar visits
- Printing costs, magazine subscriptions, etc.
- Computer hardware
- Basic equipment standard to a laboratory

Report

A short report (max. 1 A4 page) on the project progression, with detailed information on the use of the Research Award money, must be sent no later than one year after the Research Award was given, to the following address:

Department for BioMedical Research
Administration
Basak Ginsbourger
Murtenstrasse 35
3008 Bern

Members of the Commission

The "Johanna Dürmüller-Bol DBMR Research Award 2021" Commission is responsible for all aspects of the Award. The members of the commission will be selected *ad hoc* from the clinicians and scientists of the University of Bern.