

## Application Guidelines for the Junior Clinician Scientist-Programm of the University Medical Center Oldenburg

### Aims of the Junior Clinician Scientist-Programme

The University Medical Centre Oldenburg wants to give outstanding and proven doctors with a doctorate<sup>1</sup> the opportunity to embark on an academic career. The Junior Clinician Scientist Programme is intended to enable the recipients to participate in a research project and to carry out their first independent scientific work and gain initial publication experience. A Junior Clinician Scientist devotes 20% of their working hours to research.

**Start of the programme: each year, Oct. 01.**

### Mentoring

Junior Clinician Scientists are supported by two mentors from different departments throughout the entire funding period. One mentor can also be a senior physician with research experience and a doctorate or a doctorate in medicine. One of the two mentors must be habilitated. At least one of the two mentors must be a member of Faculty VI of the UOL. The mentors sign a mentoring agreement with the recipient, which is also signed by the hospital management and the hospital board. In addition, the mentors are supported by the academic programme coordinator at the faculty office.

### Obligations of programme participants

Important programme elements include reporting, progress reports and participation in faculty events for the networking of researchers. A complete list of the services to be provided can be found in the document 'Overview of the programme elements of the postdoctoral programmes of the University Medical Centre Oldenburg' (\*Appendix 1).

Participation in the accompanying curriculum is optional for Junior Clinician Scientists.

### Eligible applicants

Licensed physicians in the early phase of specialist training (usually years 1-3) are eligible to apply. Applicants must have completed a doctorate. An employment relationship with one of Oldenburg's university hospitals must exist for at least the duration of the funding programme.

### Subsidies and funding period

Personnel funds are granted for 3 months (100% TV-Ä); a splitting of the personnel funds is possible, whereby the research share should amount to an average of 20% of the regular working hours. The maximum duration of the grant is 12 months. In addition to the personnel funds, material funds totalling € 2000 will be granted.

### Selection process

The procedure for selecting the funding recipients has two stages and is subject to competitive conditions. In the first selection round, the submitted applications will be assessed by two suitable internal UOL experts using evaluation forms. In the second selection round, those applicants who reach the second selection round will give a short presentation. The evaluation will be based on previous academic achievements, career plan and the quality of the research project as well as the applicant's presentation in the second selection round. Women are favoured for funding if they are equally qualified.

### Application documents and deadlines

Please refer to Table 1 for the detailed documents to be submitted.

Proof of submission of any ethics, animal testing or genetic engineering applications must be provided by the start of the programme at the latest.

#### **Application deadline: 28 February of each year**

Applications must be submitted electronically as a single pdf file by the above-mentioned application deadline to [wiss.karrierefoerderung.fk6@uol.de](mailto:wiss.karrierefoerderung.fk6@uol.de) under the keyword 'Clinician Scientist Programme'. The application documents can be written in German or English.

Only complete application documents can be reviewed. Please contact the programme coordinator in good time before submitting your documents.

The academic programme coordinator is available to answer any questions you may have during the application process and after funding has been approved.

**Contact:** Dr. Monika Frenzel-Herrmann (+49 (0) 441 798 4859, [wiss.karrierefoerderung.fk6@uol.de](mailto:wiss.karrierefoerderung.fk6@uol.de))

As part of your application, you are encouraged to seek advice from the Faculty's Medical Ethics Committee or the Coordination Centre for Clinical Trials (KKS) ([med.ethikkommission@uol.de](mailto:med.ethikkommission@uol.de); [kks@uol.de](mailto:kks@uol.de)).

Table 1: Application documents to be submitted for the Junior Clinician Scientist-Programme

Explanation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1. Cover sheet	You can download the cover sheet from our <a href="#">website</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Academic curriculum vitae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Private contact</li> <li>b. Career</li> <li>c. Publication list with complete bibliometric data and bold labelling of the three most important publications</li> <li>d. List of acquired third-party funds, prizes or other funding as well as teaching experience</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Presentation of the research project (max. 5 pages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Title and topic of the project</li> <li>b. Summary</li> <li>c. State of research and own preliminary work</li> <li>d. Working hypotheses, scientific objective, originality and innovative content, work programme including methods and timetable and trouble-shooting options ('Plan B'),</li> <li>e. Integration of the research project into Fk.VI and presentation of follow-up possibilities</li> <li>f. Substantiated prospect of subsequent successful publication of the results in internationally renowned journals and/or successful acquisition of third-party funding following the programme</li> <li>g. Collaboration with other scientists internally and externally</li> <li>h. Declaration regarding possible conflicts of interest</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Planned expenditure of material resources per funding year (with justification)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Consumables</li> <li>b. Equipment</li> <li>c. Other costs for conducting studies</li> <li>d. Travelling expenses/conference fees</li> <li>e. External training events</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Supervision agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Signed by the sponsored person, mentor, clinic management and hospital board member/hospital management board</li> <li>b. Contains the allocation of protected research time</li> <li>c. The mentoring agreement can be downloaded from our website</li> </ul>	

6. Protocol goal agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please arrange a goal agreement meeting with your mentors.</li> <li>b. The protocol of the goal-setting meeting are mandatory and serve as a guideline for the meeting.</li> <li>c. You can also find the protocol template on our website</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Career plan (informal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Description, how the programme promotes the planned career and plan for the period after the end of the programme</li> <li>b. It is recommended to also discuss this with the mentors</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Copies of proofs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Confirmation of the employment contract with one of the Oldenburg University Hospitals for at least the duration of the funding period</li> <li>b. Licence to practice medicine/M3 certificate</li> <li>c. Doctoral degree certificate/certificate</li> <li>d. Proof of further training (e.g. logbook extracts)</li> <li>e. Other</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I contacted the programme coordinator before submitting my application documents (mandatory).		<input type="checkbox"/>
Before submitting the application documents, I contacted the ethics committee or the KKS.		<input type="checkbox"/>

\*Appendix 1 [„Overview of the programme elements of the postdoctoral programmes at Oldenburg University Medical School“](#)