

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

The foundation only supports research projects in [Germany or Switzerland](#). Projects whose funding is not covered by the foundation's statutes are excluded. The following are also generally excluded from funding:

- Salaries of (co-)applicants
- Main applicants without doctoral/PhD studies
- Research projects in which employees of commercial enterprises that could derive economic benefit act as (co-)applicants
- Research projects that could be financed by industry on the basis of commercial interests
- Multicentre therapy studies and clinical care and therapy optimisation studies (well-founded follow-up and accompanying research is possible)
- Double and mixed financing (please see [Coordination with funding from other sources](#))
- Increase in general budget estimates or coverage of budget shortfalls
- Reimbursement of pre-financing granted elsewhere
- Work on scientifically solved problems
- Evaluation of patents
- Establishment of clinics for the purpose of patient care
- Acquisition or expansion of collections
- Scholarships and grant increases
- Projects with an overly long funding period
- Projects from the area of other funding agencies

Non-eligible costs are

- General administrative costs, overheads, salaries for administrative staff
- Operating and maintenance costs for equipment, even if this was provided by the Foundation
- Construction and equipment measures
- Support for conferences and exhibitions
- General institute and clinic facilities and basic equipment
- Publication costs and travel expenses for conferences [not](#) related to the funded project

Note on project-related publication and travel costs:

These cannot [initially be applied for and are therefore not displayed on the research funding portal](#). However, they can be applied for separately during an ongoing, approved funding project. Please refer to our funding agreement for details of the applicable conditions.