



# Call for submission

## 2026 AbbVie Rheumatology Fellowship Program

### Support description

The fellowship program offers the opportunities to extend and deepen knowledge, education and scientific training related to research experience in rheumatology. The objective of this grant is to provide the awardee the opportunity to acquire new skills relating to clinical or translational research, new methods or specific training. The fellowship is designed to have a sustainable impact on later scientific or clinic work and to provide career-building opportunities in the scientific research.

Out of scope: the fellowship is not intending to support individual research projects or clinical trials. In scope are (exemplary listed, without claim of completeness):

- Protected research time
- Doctoral programs (e.g. clinical science) or postgraduate master programs
- Mentoring / coaching programs
- Preceptorships at national and international institutes
- Medical trainings / implementation of new techniques & methodologies e.g. on biostatistics, epidemiology or novel molecular biology methods
- CME credited medical education events or congress participations.

### Funding amount: 30'000.– CHF

(This support will be remitted to the institution account, after announcement of the awardee)

### Eligibility & evaluation criteria

#### Eligibility

- Applicants must be engaged in scientific or clinical work in rheumatology and have a MD or a PhD.
- This fellowship program is addressing young scientists (45 years or less). Therefore, candidates with established academic careers (e.g. professors) are excluded.
- Fellowship cannot be awarded retrospectively.
- The fellowship must be taken up within one year of its award.
- AbbVie will not take applications into consideration that are applying for support of research projects or trials (& trial-related projects).

#### Evaluation

- Quality, scope and feasibility of the education or training objective.
- Degree of innovation of the education or training.
- Research project, in which the training is embedded in prospects of successfully applying what has been learned.
- Profile of the candidate.
- Anonymization by AbbVie will be carried out in order to increase the objectivity of the jury decision.
- Applications will have to be in English
- The fellowship is awarded on the basis of an assessment by a jury board.

### Timelines & application

Submission opens 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 and ends 30<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Applicants have to complete the concept submission forms available on

 [www.rheuma-net.ch](http://www.rheuma-net.ch)

Go to "Services/Wissenschaftliche Preise, Grants, Awards und Stiftungen für Rheumatologen"

### Complete application (Form A+B and CV) to be submitted to AbbVie via E-Mail:



[theresia.manneckamigo@abbvie.com](mailto:theresia.manneckamigo@abbvie.com)

Only formally complete submissions will be considered by the jury.

### Announcement of the selected applicant at the annual congress SGR 2026.

### National & independent jury board:

Prof. Axel Finckh, Genève  
 Prof. Diego Kyburz, Basel  
 Prof. Thomas Hügle, Lausanne  
 Prof. Oliver Distler, Zürich  
 Prof. Sabine Adler, Aarau  
 Prof. Burkhard Möller, Bern  
 PD Dr. Thomas Neumann, St. Gallen