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## **Swiss League Against Epilepsy Guidelines for Research Recognition Award**

- 1. The Research Recognition Award from the Swiss League Against Epilepsy (Epilepsy League) is given to support a scientific project in the field of experimental or clinical epilepsy and epileptology, to be conducted in Switzerland or during a stay abroad by a scientist or clinician active in Switzerland. The award grant can be used to cover travel and subsistence costs, running costs, or purchase of equipment.
- 2. The Epilepsy League posts a call for applications on its website, publishes the call in its journal *Epileptologie* as well as in the journals "Swiss Archives of Neurology, Psychiatry and Psychotherapy" and "Schweizerische Ärztezeitung". The call for applications is also sent to related professional societies for advertisement (e.g. Swiss Neurological Society, Swiss Society for Sleep Research, Swiss Society for Neuroscience). The deadline for applications is the end of each calendar year.
- 3. Applications have to be made by the prospective recipient of the Award. They include a summary of the research project, a project description (max. 5 pages: background information, aim or hypothesis to be tested, methods, expected outcome and significance of the work), a detailed budget, the applicant's curriculum vitae and publications list, and a letter of support from the applicant's director of research or supervisor.
- 4. Applications are reviewed by the research commission of the Epilepsy League. The commission is elected for a period of three years by the board of the Epilepsy League. Re-election is possible.
- 5. Applications submitted by members of the Epilepsy League board (or their collaborators) have to be reviewed by two external experts unrelated to the applicant. The evaluation panel selects the external experts.
- 6. The criteria for awarding the grant are scientific excellence, opportunity to learn new methods and techniques, establishment or strengthening of international collaborations, feasibility of the project. Several projects can be supported during the same year.



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- 7. All applicants are informed in writing of the decision concerning their application within four months of the deadline for applications. The reasons for the decisions are not communicated.
- 8. Upon completion of the project, the recipient submits a report to the President of the Epilepsy League, and an article to be published in *Epileptologie* and on the website of the Epilepsy League. The support received from the Epilepsy League must be mentioned in all publications derived from the corresponding project and a copy of these articles or publications must be sent to the President of the Epilepsy League.

President of the Swiss League Against Epilepsy

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Secretary of the Swiss League Against Epilepsy