

## **German Cystic Fibrosis Association, Mukoviszidose e. V. Grant Program 2021**

The goal of the Mukoviszidose e. V. is to foster CF-relevant research aimed at extending the lifespan and improving quality of life of patients with Cystic fibrosis.

Therefore the [Mukoviszidose e.V.](#) provides funding exclusively for CF-relevant research projects and clinical studies contributing significantly to patient-relevant therapies and clinical outcomes.

**The Mukoviszidose e. V. invites to submit new applications:**

**Deadline of July, the 15<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

- Applications for **Project funding**
- Applications for **Young investigator grants**

### **• Project-funding**

This funding is provided for CF-relevant research projects, entailing a clinical application in CF care and/or the generation of new CF-relevant knowledge. The call is not restricted to any particular research topic. The funding should support researchers to answer CF-relevant questions and generate results needed for further national and/or international research calls.

In all applications on “project funding” reasons supporting the CF-relevance of the potential results (impact for CF-patients) and information on the next steps towards clinical application should be provided. **Funding of basic-science without any application perspective is not within the scope of the funding scheme!**

Applications can be submitted only by researchers working in Germany, but international cooperation partners can be involved in the proposed project, if the international partner is supported by other funding sources. The synergistic effect of the cooperation has to be clearly justified in the work program. The project idea must be based on own results or other publications.

In projects requiring national co-operations, the synergistic effects of the project partners have to be clearly justified in the work program.

The **evaluation process consists of two steps**: submission of a project outline as an initial application (step I: “Short application”) and - if evaluated positively by our research board (Board of FGM, the German Research Community for CF) - submission of a detailed application (step II: “full application”) which is subject to an external peer-review process. All together the evaluation process lasts approx. 12 months until the final decision.

Additionally, “project funding” offers the opportunity to submit applications for “**small-projects**” (up to 20,000 € per application). This funding tool is destined to research questions with a more limited scope – thematically and time-wise.

The **evaluation process for small projects** is a one step process and the decision will be made on the initial application by the board of the FGM (final decision within approx. 6 month).

- **Young investigator grants**

**Funding for young investigators** (only for applicants of German CF working groups) is offered to **PhD students, young clinicians and post docs**. They can apply for max. 150,000 € for their own salary during their academic training on a CF-specific research field e. g. CF therapy, diagnostic or preclinical research. Therefore this funding will enable young scientists to deepen their knowledge in CF research and to place oneself within the network of CF scientists. In the long term, this should result in the establishment of an own CF research group. In addition, travel expenses up to 1,000 € can be applied. The **evaluation process** will include an interview of the applicant by the board of the FGM.

All evaluation processes are administered by Mukoviszidose Institute gGmbH, Bonn, the research and development arm of the Mukoviszidose e. V. The evaluation process is performed by the scientific board ([FGM](#)) and additional international experts. The final decision about a financial support is made by the executive board ([Bundesvorstand](#)) upon the suggestions of the scientific board.

**For more information and access to the application forms, please see the application manual “Notes for Applicants” on our website (<https://www.muko.info/englisch-version/research-funding>).**

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