

COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER ZURICH (CCCZ)

FELLOW PROGRAM

Call and guidelines (V1.0_Mar 2024)

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The University Center
for Personalized Oncology
in Switzerland

The Comprehensive Cancer Center Zurich (CCCZ) is an oncology center of excellence of the University of Zurich (UZH), University Hospital Zurich (USZ), Balgrist University Hospital and University Children's Hospital Zurich. CCCZ strives for excellence in cancer research and cancer medicine, tight collaborations between scientists and physicians, and professional education in oncology. Our mission is to provide excellence in cancer medicine and implement innovative research programs towards precision oncology.

We are pleased to announce the 2024 call of the:

CCCZ Fellow Program: A structured excellence program for the promotion of early-career physician scientists and translational scientists in oncology

Supported and funded by the University Medicine Zurich (UMZH)



OBJECTIVES & STRUCTURES

- The **CCCZ Fellow Program** is a structured excellence program for physician scientists and translational scientists in the field of oncology. The program promotes the best talents.
- **Physician scientists** are given the freedom (**protected research time**) to conduct a research project in a CCCZ clinical department or research group. The aim is to develop a broad understanding of cancer research and translation.
- **Translational scientists** are supported to conduct a collaborative research project of a CCCZ research group together with a clinical department.
- Fellows are **integrated** into the laboratories, meetings and communications of the Zurich cancer research community.
- Fellows are offered **mentorship** and **career development** by CCCZ principal investigators and structured programs of the UZH, USZ and Medical Faculty Zurich.

REQUIREMENTS

Physician Scientists:

- The program is aimed at physicians in specialist training in oncology.
- Translational cancer research projects are jointly defined by the fellow and the PI of the employing department/research group. The PI must be a CCCZ member. Please click [here](#) to find an overview of current CCCZ members.

Translational Scientists:

- The program supports translational scientists (postdoctoral level) to conduct a collaborative, translational cancer research project of one CCCZ research group together with one CCCZ clinical department. Research projects are jointly defined by the fellow and the PIs. PIs must be CCCZ members, involving at least one scientist and one physician scientist. Please click [here](#) to find an overview of current CCCZ members. Balanced and equal opportunities are strongly encouraged when building the research team.

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All Fellows:

- Candidates must be employed at the UZH or one of the University Hospitals.
- Applicants should be no older than 35 years.
- The appointed fellows cannot have worked with one of the PIs for more than 3 years at the time of application.
- PIs must not participate in more than one application as lead PI.
- The proposed research must aim to: (1) Encompass **innovative translation** of scientific findings into clinical practice and (2) Combine innovative clinical oncology, research and technologies to **develop novel diagnostic and therapeutic concepts towards precision oncology**.

EVALUATION

- Candidates are selected through a **competitive** call and application process. The selection criteria focus on the **best candidates** and **scientific excellence** of the projects.
- The selection is made by the **CCCZ Board of Directors**. External consultancy may be used for the evaluation. The selected candidates are proposed to the **CCCZ Steering Committee** for funding.

FUNDING

- Within the frame of the **2024 call** two physician scientists and one translational scientist will be funded.
- **Physician scientists:** Competitive funding is provided to finance 50% protected research time for up-to one year (max. CHF 55K in 2025).
- **Translational scientist:** Competitive funding is provided to finance the position (1 FTE) of a postdoctoral scientist for two years. The salary encompasses up to CHF 115K (including 18% employer's costs) per year. In total, CHF 230K will be granted for the successful candidate (2025-2026).
- Earliest **start** for project funding is 1.1.2025. All funds must be spent by 31.12.2025 (physician scientist) or 31.12.2026 (translational scientist).

TIMELINES

- 15.03.2024 - Call for projects
- 15.05.2024 - Submission Deadline
- May-July 2024: Evaluation and selection process
- July 2024: Communication of evaluation results to all applying fellows and PIs
- 1.1.2025: Employment start two physician scientists and one translational scientist

APPLICATION

- **Submission deadline: 15.05.2024**
- Please generate **one** PDF document of all application files in the following order:
 - Completed application form; max. length for chapter 1.-4. is four pages; font: Calibri Light 10 pt; line spacing: 1.15.
 - CVs of PIs (max. 2 pages)
 - CV of fellow. We recommend that suitable fellows are already identified by the time of the application.
- Applications which do not meet the defined formatting will be excluded from review.
- Please submit the application files to maja.zenz.uzh.ch

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