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Observership

1. Clinical Observership

A clinical observership is a structured period during which medical professionals from the Otorhinolaryngology specialty or related areas shadow experienced clinicians at the Department of Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at USZ and learn from them without being directly responsible for patient care. These programs offer insights into clinical practice, the Swiss healthcare system, and specific medical aspects of our field. They can be applied for by national or international graduates of medical degree programs. This form is therefore available to both board certified specialists and doctors in training (residents). The program can cover all aspects of our specialty or specific sub-aspects. Therefore, the program can also be tailored to specific topics according to the candidates' wishes. During their time at our department, candidates are assigned to a mentor who serves as a contact person and can also plan specific aspects of the Observership.

Duration:	1 - 4 weeks.
Prerequisite:	Fluent German or English language skills (at least level C1).
Financing:	None. The applicant must arrange finances for funding himself.
Application:	Please submit your letter of motivation, CV, passport copy, academic degrees and language certificate (mandatory) by email to orl.direktion@usz.ch .

2. Research Observership

Similar to the Clinical Observership, applications can also be submitted for corresponding periods in the research groups of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at USZ. The duration can be agreed flexibly. Candidates can also carry out certain activities themselves or realize projects in collaboration with the respective research group. If desired, the Research Observership can also be combined with a Clinical Observership (see above).

Duration:	1 - 4 weeks.
Prerequisite:	Fluent German or English language skills (at least level C1).
Financing:	None. The applicant must arrange finances for funding himself.
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Fellowship

1. Clinical Fellowship

Trained ENT physicians who have completed their specialist training in Switzerland or in a country whose certificate is recognized as equivalent by the Medical Professions Commission (MEBEKO) and, if applicable, by the Swiss Institute for Medical Education and Training (SIWF) can apply for a Clinical Fellowship. A clinical fellowship allows for in-depth study of various aspects of our field. Under supervision, experience and skills are gained which, upon completion, document specific expertise in the respective field. Clinical fellows are integrated into the team of physicians of the department and, after appropriate training, are expected to actively participate in patient care, both during normal working hours and during night and weekend shifts. Fellows should already have reached the level of a senior physician so as not to compete with the training of in-house residents during the fellowship. Participation in academic activities (teaching, research) is possible during a fellowship and is also encouraged.

Disciplines:	Clinical fellowships are available in the following disciplines: neurotology, phoniatrics, audiology, and possibly rhinology and otology at a later date.
Duration:	1 year, ideally starting on March 1st or September 1st.
Prerequisite:	Knowledge of the German language must be demonstrated as part of the application (at least level C1). Proficiency in German will enhance the effectiveness of the stay, as all patient contact, patient presentations, and discussions are conducted primarily in German.
Financing:	Salary according to USZ standard, possibly grants from professional associations (organized by the candidate).
Application:	Please submit your letter of motivation, CV, passport copy, academic degrees, board certification and language certificate (mandatory) by email to orl.direktion@usz.ch .
Important:	Please note that a clinical fellowship is not currently integrated into the FMH/SIWF's official training program and is therefore not equivalent to specialist training or an internationally recognized subspecialization. Graduates receive a corresponding certificate from the Department of Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at USZ.

2. Research Fellowship

Interested scientists from Switzerland and abroad who are interested in specific projects, techniques, or studies of our research groups can apply for a research fellowship. Own project ideas can also be realized in agreement with the research group leader. A research plan for the period with corresponding objectives (milestones) should be determined together with the respective research group leader before the start. Good knowledge of English or German is a prerequisite (at least level C1).

Duration:	3 - 12 months.
Prerequisite:	Fluent German or English language skills (at least level C1).
Financing:	Must be arranged in advance by the respective candidate; exceptions are possible if internal resources are available.
Application:	Please submit your letter of motivation, CV, passport copy, academic degrees and language certificate (mandatory) by email to orl.direktion@usz.ch .