

### **Purpose**

The Nutricia Fellowship Award targets researchers/clinicians who plan a dedicated research fellowship abroad or in Switzerland and who have published an outstanding, related peer-reviewed paper in the field of neonatology. The award of CHF 10'000 is sponsored by Danone Schweiz AG and given out every two years. The aim is to support awardees in costs of living and travel during their fellowship.

### **Eligibility criteria**

Candidates need to work in Switzerland or have Swiss citizenship. Proof of an academic track record beyond an MD thesis and a clear academic career plan are required. Applications may be submitted during but not after completion of the research fellowship.

### **Evaluation criteria**

- 1) Quality of the peer-reviewed paper
- 2) Feasibility of the research plan (confirmation of host, financial feasibility, infrastructural support)
- 3) Methodological quality of the project
- 4) Relevance of the project
- 5) Potential clinical impact of the project

### **How to apply**

Applicants submit the following documents in pdf-format to [neonat@meeting-com.ch](mailto:neonat@meeting-com.ch) prior to the deadline published on [www.neonet.ch](http://www.neonet.ch):

- Cover letter including career plan (1 page)
- At least one accepted peer-reviewed publication related to the project
- Research plan, including financial feasibility (max 3 pages)
- Curriculum vitae (max 2 pages)
- Confirmation of host institution, including infrastructural support

### **Evaluation body and process**

The current board of the Swiss Society of Neonatology evaluates all applications. Board members with a conflict of interest (criterion: presence of applicants from their hospital and/or research group) do not participate in the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria 1 to 5 mentioned above are equally weighed with a score from 1 to 6, with higher scores indicating better ratings. Summary scores are calculated for all applications and the award will be given to the applicant achieving the highest summary score. Applicants are informed about the outcome of their application by the president of the Swiss Society of Neonatology.

### **Rules and responsibilities of awardees**

Awardees are required to attend the Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society of Neonatology in order to receive their award in person and give a short presentation of their project. The award is handed out by a representative of Danone Schweiz AG. After completion of the fellowship, awardees write a short report (2-3 pages) to the sponsor (copy to the board of the Swiss Society of Neonatology) and prepare a related article to be submitted to Paediatrica.

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