General Internal Medicine Research Fellowship Grant

Participation requirements

1. Eligibility criteria
   a. Accepted MD thesis
   b. At least one peer-reviewed, original publication relevant to GIM as first author
   c. Ongoing or completed training in GIM
   d. Within 8 years of the federal exam. This time window may be extended if reasons are justified in the motivational letter
   e. Consistent and credible aim to pursue an academic career in GIM
   f. SGAIM membership
   g. No submitted habilitation (PD) or previous support by the Swiss National Science Foundation

2. Supported projects:
   a. Patient-oriented clinical research in GIM or research relevant to GIM
   b. Exchanges and collaborations with another university (in Switzerland or abroad) are strongly encouraged

3. Documents to submit
   a. Research plan
      i. 6 pages with 1-page summary without references
      ii. Font size 10 point, minimal spacing 1.5
      iii. Headings based on Young Talents in Clinical Research call (no specific template provided)
   b. SNSF science CV. The CV can be created at www.mysnf.ch.
   c. Motivation letter including also future career plans
   d. Support letter from the department head including also a statement confirming commitment to support the academic career of the applicant in GIM, non-salary support including also access to data and statistician expertise, and coverage of the remaining salary at 50% FTE (can be clinical work)
   e. Support letter from the mentor (if not the department head)

4. Financial support
   a. Salary of the applicant, amounting to a maximum of CHF 52,500 at 50% of a full-time equivalent, plus the corresponding social security contributions
   b. Flexibility to distribute the 50% salary over 12 months (i.e., from 100% FTE for 6 months to 50% FTE for 12 months)

Please submit the complete project applications in electronic form to the Foundation's office **by 12.6.2026.**

Email: foundation@sgaim.ch

A final decision by the Board of Trustees will be made in October/November 2026.