

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

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YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD 2025

for outstanding basic
research by young scientists

“EXCELLENT DISSERTATION SUBMITTED WITHIN THE LAST 6 YEARS”

The relevant date is the official conferral date of the doctoral degree (generally, the date on the doctoral certificate) in relation to the nomination deadline. Nominations of scientists with a “Dr. med.” will be accepted as well.

The time frame can be extended for the following periods:

- Parental leave for children born before or after the completion of the doctorate (women: standard extension of 18 months per child or actual parental leave period if it exceeds 18 months / men: actual parental leave period)
- Clinical qualifications (e.g., specialist medical training) after completion of the dissertation
- Long-term illness (more than 90 days) after completion of the dissertation
- Long-term illness of family member or close relative (child, spouse, parents, siblings) after completion of the dissertation
- Military service / voluntary service (e.g., voluntary social year) after completion of the dissertation
- Periods during which the lab was closed or when access to the experimental lab was restricted due to COVID lockdowns
- Childcare periods due to COVID lockdowns (women with children under 10 years old are granted a standard extension of 6 months, fathers the actual period when they were the main childcarers in the family but not more than 6 months)

All exceptions must be supported by official documents.

If you have an additional PhD/doctoral degree in another field, the relevant date is the conferral date of the first doctoral degree.