

Faculty Clinical Research Platform Grants- 2026

Program for the Promotion of Academic Careers in Clinical Specialist Fields of the Vetsuisse Faculty Bern

The Faculty Clinical Research Platform (FCRP) of the Vetsuisse Faculty of the University of Bern promotes clinical research (research focusing on diseases, their pathophysiology, diagnostics and the maintenance of animal health) within the scope of available resources, especially for careers in clinical disciplines where there is a shortage of young academics. The aim of this funding is to support promising young clinicians in the context of their PhD or habilitation.

- **PhDs:** Funding of own position (maximum 50%). Additionally required personnel funds are assured by the responsible host institution (clinic, institute, department). The funding depends on the defined career goal and should cover the entire period until this goal is reached (3-4 years). An extension of the support is possible after re-evaluation.
- **Clinical researchers and postdocs with habilitation as career goal:** Partial funding of one's own position or full funding of a PhD student or a veterinary doctoral student (Dr. med. vet.) or partial funding of a laboratory technician to support one's own research can be applied for. The freedom created by the funding enables the possibility to generate third-party funding. If third-party funding is successfully obtained as a PI, funding for up to 6 years is possible.

General conditions

Members of all three departments of the Vetsuisse Faculty Bern are eligible as main applicants. If the main applicant is not a member of the DKV, there must be a Co-Applicant from the DKV, which must be a young academic on an academic career track. Preference is given to collaborations between the departments. The FCRP provides support for personnel costs, but not for other project related expenses. Funding of ongoing research projects is possible, but requires a full application.

Are you interested? Feel free to reach out to the head of the FCRP to enquire if you and your project are eligible.

To formally apply, please send your **application documents** to the head of the FCRP by E-Mail: torsten.seuberlich@unibe.ch. The closing date for applications is the **14th May 2026**:

- Filled FCRP application form ([Link](#))
- CV (maximum 3 pages)
- List of publications and acquired third-party funding
- Letter of support from the head of the institution, including a statement that research costs according to the budget outlined in the application are covered

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Applicants whose applications meet the formal criteria will be invited to an interview to present their projects. The interviews are scheduled to take place in August/September 2026 and will be announced in due course. The evaluation committee will communicate its decision to applicants by 30 September 2026 at the latest. The start of the funding must take effect at the beginning of 2027.

If you have any questions, please contact the head of the FCRP:

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