



Young Investigator Award Process, Conditions, and Rules

Fond'Action contre le cancer offers a Young Investigator Award (YIA) to identify and support young researchers in oncology in Switzerland and to help them at the start of their academic careers. The Award will be allocated according to the following conditions and rules:

Research Scope and Eligibility

- The applicant must have a net academic age of less than 15 years, as defined by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).
- The applicant should hold an MD or a PhD in biology or health care.
- The main applicant should be Swiss or employed by a Swiss institution.
- The applicant must have the support of a senior supervisor at their institution and the possibility of building a career there.
- The research project must be related to cancer. It may be preclinical, translational, clinical, psychological or concerned with public health.
- The award is CHF 100,000 over two years and cannot cover the salary of the main applicant.
- The letter of intent and full proposal must be dated and signed by the applicant.
- **At each stage, all application documents must be combined into ONE PDF file and emailed to contact@fondaction.ch. Submissions in any other format or by any other method will not be accepted.**

Application Process and Dates

- Applicants seeking funding in the following year must submit a letter of intent by **15 March** of the application year. It must be no more than **three pages**, use Arial 11-point font with single line spacing, and include a short project summary, the research aims and methodology, the anticipated timeframe, and any other sources of financial support. Applicants must also provide a CV describing previous achievements and listing their five most relevant publications.
- Applicants will be informed whether they have been selected to proceed to the full proposal stage or not. The decision is legally binding and allows no course of appeal.
- Selected applicants must submit a full Young Investigator Award proposal **by 15 September** of the application year.

Full Proposal and Supporting Documents

The full proposal must include:

1. A front page with a summary of the project.
2. A complete description of the project in the context of current scientific knowledge.
3. A complete description of the research plan and methodology.
4. The expected benefits and risks of the project.
5. The significance of the expected results in the current scientific context.
6. Evidence of the applicant's expertise to carry out the project and publish its results.
7. A detailed budget showing financial needs and any other sources of financial support.
8. A curriculum vitae and a letter of support from the director of the applicant's institution.
9. The application must be written in English.

Assessment and Decision

- The Scientific Committee will review the applications and select one applicant to personally present their project at the scientific meeting and receive the Young Investigator Award.
- Invited applicant must email their PowerPoint presentation to contact@fondaction.ch **at least one week before the Scientific Committee meeting**. If they miss this deadline, they cannot take part in that year's selection process.

Conditions for Funded Projects

- The recipient of the Young Investigator Award should publish a LinkedIn post acknowledging Fond'Action contre le cancer.
- **At the end of the two-year award period, the applicant must email a final report to contact@fondaction.ch, together with copies of publications, abstracts and any other public documents produced by the project.**

Key Dates

- **15 March (application year):** Deadline for the three-page letter of intent.
- **After the review of letters of intent:** Applicants are informed whether they have been selected for the next stage.
- **15 September (application year):** Deadline for selected applicants to submit the full proposal.
- **January or February (following year):** Invited applicants present their projects to the Scientific Committee. Final decisions are communicated later by email.