

# Fondation Bertarelli Catalyst Fund Research in Neuroscience

To develop novel therapeutic approaches – gene therapy, optogenetics, bioactive molecules, diagnostic tools, imaging techniques, or implants, among others – the Fondation Bertarelli has donated CHF 5 million to create a Catalyst Fund. This fund is designed to foster **innovative research** and the development of **life-saving treatments** for diseases affecting the brain, the spinal cord, the peripheral nervous system, and the sensory organs.

## FOURTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS NOW OPEN:

- 🔍 Research projects – including basic research approaches – with a focus on **diagnostic procedures** and/or **therapeutic interventions** for diseases/disabilities affecting the central and peripheral nervous systems and the sensory organs
- 💰 Funding available for **2-year projects** (max. CHF 300'000 per project)
- 🤝 Projects **can be collaborative**, involving two or more academic institutions or two or more research groups within the same institution
- 🎯 New projects likely to make significant progress within the grant period will be preferred

## REQUIREMENTS:

- 🎓 To be employed by an academic institution in **Western Switzerland** (Bern, Fribourg, Geneva, Jura, Neuchâtel, Valais, Vaud)  
OR  
To be employed by an academic institution in the **rest of Switzerland, Europe, or the Middle East**
- 🏢 To implement the project at least in part at Campus Biotech in Geneva, including the use of technological platforms:
  - **preferably**, for projects with applicant(s) from institutions in Western Switzerland
  - **compulsorily**, for projects with applicant(s) from Swiss/European/Middle Eastern institutions outside Western Switzerland (no less than 50% of the project costs)

## SUBMISSIONS:

Deadline for submissions: **1 June 2021 (17:00 CEST)**

For more information, please visit the [webpage](#)