



iSTAR

integrative Advanced Clinician Scientists Targeting
Inflammatory and Infectious Diseases

Call for applications 2022

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Advanced Clinician Scientist (ACS)

Background

The newly BMBF-founded programme 'iSTAR – integrative Advanced Clinician Scientists Targeting Inflammatory and Infectious Disease' at the **University Medical Centre Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE)** supports excellent clinician scientists to develop independence and leadership in the field of immune-mediated inflammatory diseases.

Target Group

The call is open to scientifically and clinically highly-qualified clinicians,

- who have already or will shortly receive their certification as medical specialist (Facharzt/-ärztin),
- who have a proven and outstanding research profile with a focus on inflammatory or infectious diseases,
- who have already successfully secured third-party funding.

Benefits for iSTAR members

- A **competitive starting package** and continued **funding for up to 6 years**
- At least **50 % protected time for research**
- Participation in the structured and individualized **iSTAR-Curriculum** including:
 - **Leadership Training:** Courses and lectures appropriate to the career stage, primarily focusing on research-oriented leadership skills and teaching
 - **High-profile Mentoring:** Support in strategic career planning as well as possibilities for interdisciplinary networking, exchange and cooperation with peers and renowned scientific experts
 - **Advanced medical training:** Treatment of patients with autoimmune and chronic inflammatory diseases as well as infections in clinical teams; access to patient cohorts
- Integration into the **Hamburg Center for Translational Immunology (HCTI)**, which offers unique research networks, shared databases and biobanks, as well as disease modeling and translational platforms

Requirements for Applications

Please submit all documents in one PDF file in English:

- A **CV** (no more than 5 pages) including (i) a list of major publications (please highlight the 5 most important publications of the past 5 years), (ii) a list of secured third-party funds, and (iii) note of first leadership experience;
- a **motivational letter**, including (i) how the planned project would contribute to the achievement of iSTAR's long-term goal to close the lag between basic research and clinical applications in the field of inflammatory and infectious diseases, and (ii) which team-oriented processes the applicant would like to implement to build and advance her/his group.
- a **research proposal** with time and budget plan for a funding period of 6 years (max. 5 pages);
- a **letter of support** by the current and if applicable former clinical mentor **confirming the clinical qualification**;
- **two additional reference letters** from clinical and scientific mentors.

Submission deadline

Applications must be submitted by **June 30th, 2022** by email to **iSTAR@uke.de**. The review process will take place within 2-4 months.

Contact and information

Please contact the coordinating scientists, Prof. Dr. med. Samuel Huber, Prof. Dr. med. Marylyn M. Addo, and Prof. Dr. med. Tobias B. Huber, via **iSTAR@uke.de**.

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