Programs for Medical Students and Young Physicians

MD Stipends
The MD stipend is for medical students interested in pursuing research in infectious diseases. Students interrupt their regular curriculum for ca. 12 months to perform a full-time research project in one of the DZIF institutions. The MD stipend serves the integration into a structured doctoral program and supports the completion of the MD thesis.

Who can apply?
Medical students interested in carrying out an ambitious experimental, clinical or epidemiological MD thesis in infection research.

MD/PhD Stipends
The MD/PhD stipend is intended for MDs with a strong scientific background aiming at pursuing a PhD or Dr. rer. nat. in infection research. It allows MDs to participate in structured graduate programs within the DZIF network. Funding fully covers up to two years of the study.

Who can apply?
MDs interested in obtaining a PhD in translational infection research.

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A Look at Research and the Clinic

Enabling the translation of basic research findings into new approaches and applications for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of infectious diseases—this is the ultimate objective of DZIF. In order to accomplish this goal, DZIF is actively seeking scientists and physicians aiming to bridge the gap between bench and bedside research.

If this sparks your interest, then the DZIF Academy is for you! We offer attractive educational programs for both students and graduates in the areas of clinical infectious diseases, microbiology, virology, immunology and molecular medicine.

Overview of Programs within the DZIF Academy
- Research stipends for medical students
- Research stipends for MDs aiming for a PhD
- Clinical leave stipends for MDs
- Stipends for women after maternity leave
- Summer / Autumn Schools & Lab Rotations
- Scientific & Soft Skills Training

Program for Medical Specialists

Clinical Leave Stipends
The clinical leave stipend grants MDs full release from clinical duties for one year in order to pursue an experimental or clinical infection research project within the DZIF network.

Who can apply?
MDs with an active clinical practice for at least two years or completed clinical training / board certification.

Program for Female Scientists with Children

Technical Support during Pregnancy
The Academy provides project support by a technician during pregnancy if needed.

Maternity Leave Stipends
The Academy supports the reintegration of DZIF women scientists after maternity or extended parental leave by funding 50% of their salary for one full-time or two part-time years.

Who can apply?
Young mothers who have recently born a child and are Principle Investigator or employee in a DZIF-funded project or infrastructure.

Schools, Workshops, Lab Rotations

The Academy additionally supports scientific progress and the training of next-generation scientists by enhancing scientific exchange and collaboration between partner sites through workshops, schools and laboratory exchanges.

- Summer School and methods seminars with theoretical focus
- Autumn School with translational and clinical focus
- Laboratory exchanges within the DZIF network to promote exchange of state-of-the-art technologies

Who can apply?
Clinicians or scientists already involved in DZIF-funded projects who wish to expand their knowledge in these areas.