

From the statutes: The mission of the German Sarcoma Foundation is particularly realized through the activities of the foundation in six specially defined fields of action (HFs). HF1 stands for sarcoma research, which essentially has the goal of promoting research - by initiating or participating in research measures.

CALL FOR RESEARCH FUNDING AWARD 2024

- ❑ In 2024, the German Sarcoma Foundation will offer this award for the third time to support project ideas/projects in the field of sarcoma research, especially for younger colleagues (max. post-doc).
- ❑ The call for applications for the sponsorship award will be officially opened on November 17, 2023 and the application deadline is February 18, 2024 (Sunday, 8:00 pm). Please submit applications online with the application documents (in German or English at www.sarkome.de) to sarkomforschung@sarkome.de.
- ❑ The research award, endowed with 25,000 EUR from donations of patients/relatives, seeks to support initiative and creativity in the field of sarcoma research. Sarcoma experts and patient representatives will jointly present the award at the 2024 Sarcoma Conference in Essen, Germany, March 7-9, 2024.

1) Objective

The aim of the Research Award of the German Sarcoma Foundation is to promote sarcoma research among young physicians/scientists in Germany. Sarcoma refers to all known sarcoma subtypes, essentially in the three categories of

- Malignant soft tissue tumors (soft tissue sarcomas)
- GIST (Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors)
- Malignant bone tumors (bone sarcomas)

2) Authorization

The application is open to all physicians/scientists working in Germany (max. post-doc) who are interested in sarcoma research. Especially young physicians/scientists should be encouraged by this call to apply with their project ideas/projects. The focus is on initial projects – the projects should not be part of any other research grant applications. In addition, a clear patient reference of the project is desirable.

3) Research Award

The funds provided for the research award come from donations from patients/relatives (own funds of the German Sarcoma Foundation) - not from industry funding. With the annual research award, the Foundation offers an amount of 25,000 EUR. This amount can be awarded in total for only one project or divided among up to three projects (applicants). The funded project must be carried out in Germany and completed within 18 months.

- Essentially, the project ideas/projects are to be in the areas of basic research, translational or clinical research, or project ideas/projects that provide psycho-oncological support for sarcoma sufferers.
- The respective award cannot be used to purchase equipment, attend conferences, or pay publication fees.

Note: *In this call for proposals, no applications can be accepted from general areas such as care research, education/training, improvement of information/communication, optimization of care/organizational structures or quality management/assurance. But: The German Sarcoma Foundation sees itself as a "join-in organization" and is open for initiatives and ideas. If you have any suggestions in these areas or beyond, we would be pleased to hear from you directly.*

4) Application/Application Procedure

All applications/applications must be submitted online to the German Sarcoma Foundation at sarkomforschung@sarkome.de before the deadline.

Each application must include the following components:

- Short cover letter - with note of support from the clinic, institute, research institution, etc. with signature of the respective head.
 - Three application/application parts:
Part 1 = Project application/outline, Part 2 = Curriculum Vitae, Part 3 = Data protection statement.
- The call text and forms are available on the website of the German Sarcoma Foundation in German and English and can be filled out and submitted in the corresponding language.

5) Requirements for applications

Project ideas/projects may be submitted by individual applicants or by teams/working groups. All applications/proposals must include future project ideas/proposals. Applications with ongoing projects, e.g. to fill funding gaps or including outdated or incorrect research project proposals, will not be accepted.

All required information should be clearly and compactly stated in the forms provided; additional (but please brief) attachments/attachments are possible.

6) Application Deadline

All applications must be submitted by **February 18, 2024 (Sunday, 8:00 pm)**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Without the three - completed - application parts/forms mentioned under point 4, the application will be considered incomplete.

7) Review of applications

All applications received will be reviewed by an expert jury (consisting of national/international sarcoma experts and experienced patient representatives) and the winner(s) will be finally selected. The selection by the jury is final and cannot be appealed. (There is no right of appeal.)

The submitted project ideas/projects will be evaluated according to criteria such as:

- Relevance for sarcoma research
(Rationale, "Unmet Medical Need," patient needs, etc.)
- Potential outcomes, patient benefits

- Basis/benefit for further research (e.g. based on this research)
- Feasibility, financial feasibility
- Originality

8) Announcement of the winner(s)

The selected winner(s) will be announced at the annual sarcoma conference. This will take place in the call year 2024 from 7-9 March 2024 in Essen. The announcement is connected with a brief presentation(s) of the project idea(s), the project proposal(s).

9) Award payment

The winner(s) will be provided with a letter containing all terms and conditions of the award. The winner(s) and their respective institution must formally accept the award and agree to the terms of the award, whereupon the award will be paid to the candidate's institution.

10) Progress report/Final report

The winner(s) must submit a progress report - in the 12th month of project implementation (e.g. for the 2024 Sarcoma Conference) and a final report upon completion of the project (within 3 months). If a winner fails to submit the report within the specified submission deadline, the winner's institution will be notified and the institution will be responsible for ensuring compliance by the winner.

11) Publications/Presentations

- The winner agrees to provide the German Sarcoma Foundation with copies of all publications resulting from the award.
- The institution of the winner must ensure the validity of the research results before publication. The German Sarcoma Foundation assumes no responsibility/liability for the validity of the research results.
- The winner should present the research results (after voting) - at the annual Sarcoma Conference, another suitable conference or in the context of other activities of the German Sarcoma Foundation.
- The winner agrees in principle that the German Sarcoma Foundation may inform the public about the project ideas/projects, research results (interim/final reports, if applicable) in its information/communication media (online, print, etc.). However, this will always be done in coordination with the winner in terms of time and content.

12) Intellectual property

Research results resulting from the funding award(s) should be jointly and equally owned by the physicians / scientists, the institutions and the German Sarcoma Foundation. This means that if there is commercialization / marketing of research results, the German Sarcoma Foundation - as a non-profit foundation - should be considered here. Any proportionate inflow of funds from the commercialization / marketing of research results will be used by the foundation for further sarcoma research.