

Who Can Apply for a Travel Grant?

The Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds awards travel grants to European citizens working in Europe and overseas, and to non-European citizens who perform their MD, PhD or postdoctoral project in Europe, or will use the travel grant to work in Europe. Applicants must pursue an experimental project in basic biomedical research and belong to one of the following groups of junior scientists:

- PhD students or medical students pursuing an experimental doctoral thesis;
- postdocs who are pursuing a particular research project;
- graduates from abroad who have applied for a PhD project, but who have not yet worked with their potential PhD supervisor.

Whether you are eligible to apply for a travel grant, depends on when you received your university entrance qualification ([see also documents required for your application](#)) ([fellowships-grants/travel-grants/application.html](#)):

- for PhD and MD students as well as graduates the university entrance qualification must not have been obtained more than 11 years ago at the time of the envisaged research visit/course;
- for postdocs the university entrance qualification must not have been obtained more than 13 years ago at the time of the envisaged research visit/course.

Travel grants are awarded only for practical trainings in laboratories or courses of up to 3 months. They cannot be used for longer research stays.

We do not support

- attendance of conferences, symposia and workshops without practical training (if you are a BIF fellow, please refer to [Personal Support](#) ([fellowships-grants/phd-fellowships/personal-support.html](#)));
- clinical electives or practical courses during university education;
- clinical studies;
- applied research, such as diagnostic, biotechnological and pharmaceutical development (e.g. optimization and screening of therapeutically active substances) or studies on the course of diseases or the treatment of symptoms;
should you not be sure whether your project is within our funding scope, please send us a short summary of your project (about 0.5 page; secretariat@bifonds.de (<mailto:secretariat@bifonds.de>));
- botanical and prokaryotic investigations unless they are of general biological importance;
- attendance of courses organized by companies.