

Call for proposals

The Tom-Wahlig-Foundation aims at standardizing its funding activities for research into the hereditary spastic paraplegias (HSPs). Starting in 2018, two to three projects per year will be supported with a total of 25,000 to 35,000 EUR. The deadline for corresponding applications will be December 1st (December 15th for the upcoming first round). A decision by the foundation's board will be based on reviews of anonymous experts from the field. Successful applicants will be notified by February 1st, and are expected to shortly present their projects at the annual HSP symposium in March.

Topics to be covered may be clinical, genetic or functional in nature. The primary focus does not have to be HSP, but a conceptual connection to the disease should be evident. Projects may represent self-contained small studies, or be intended to generate preliminary data that enable alternative subsequent funding for a larger follow-up study. It is our ambition to attract promising young scientists, and to support plans for starting or continuing a carrier in the fields of HSP and related disorders. We therefore specifically encourage applications from junior scientists (within five and eight years of their thesis for PhDs and MDs, respectively).

To facilitate proper and comparative evaluation, proposals should be prepared according to the outline below, and adhere to the specified size limitations:

1. Name and affiliation of applicant
2. Title of the project
3. Summary (max. 150 words)
4. Background and preliminary work (max. 750 words)
5. Aims (as 2-4 bullet points)
6. Working plan (max. 750 words)
7. Financial frame (preferably restricted to consumables) and intended time frame (ideally not more than two years)
8. Outlook (max. 150 words)

Please also provide a one page CV and a list of peer-reviewed publications, and send your application as a single PDF-file (incl. main document, CV, publication list) via email to susanne.wahlig@hsp-info.de!

For funded projects, we will additionally request a summary in layman's terms to be published on the foundation's webpage, and an annual progress report. We also expect that awardees will be available as reviewers in subsequent years.

The Tom-Wahlig-Foundation is looking forward to receiving applications for the upcoming 2018 funding round by December 15th 2017!