Young Sonographers Grant

General Information

About the Grant

The Young Sonographers Grant is an initiative of the Young Sonographers association, a subsection of the Swiss Society for Ultrasound in Medicine (SGUM) dedicated to medical students and junior doctors. This grant supports research projects focusing on enhancing the clinical application of ultrasound in medicine or advancing associated training programs. It aims to foster scientific inquiry and improve the standing of ultrasound research within the Young Sonographers community.

Funding

- The grant awards up to 5,000 CHF per project annually.
- Each project can receive the grant only once.
- The availability of funds is confirmed by the Young Sonographers national committee annually.

Eligibility

- The principal investigator (and first author in case of publication) must be a member of Young Sonographers.
- Students are eligible to apply; completion of their medical studies is not required.
- All research topics related to the clinical or educational use of ultrasound are eligible.

Application Procedure

- A formal call for applications will be sent annually via email to all members of Young Sonographers.
- Applications must be submitted to the designated Young Sonographers email address.
- The application deadline will be announced at least three months in advance.

Evaluation Process

Applications will be assessed independently by members of a grant committee based on:

- Impact for the clinical use of ultrasound or Relevance for the training in the use of ultrasound
- Quality of the application:
  - Innovation
  - Methodological robustness
  - Feasibility
  - Budget
- General impression and likelihood of publication

The grant committee, appointed by the Young Sonographers national committee, includes at least one national committee member, an external scientific advisor with expertise in ultrasound research, and preferably a student representative.

Following individual evaluations, the committee convenes to finalize the award decision.

Grant Award and Conditions

- An initial installment of 3,000 CHF will be released upon awarding the grant.
- Subsequent annual installments of 1,000 CHF will follow upon receipt of yearly interim reports, which are always due by the 15th of October.
- The full grant amount may be provided upfront upon a justified written request.
- Incomplete projects or missed interim reports may result in withholding remaining payments.

Requirements for Grant Recipients

- Recipients must present their project results at the Swiss Sono Days.
- Projects should reach publication within three years after grant reception.
- Submission of two annual interim reports is mandatory, except if the project is published earlier.
- All publications resulting from the grant-supported research must acknowledge the support of Young Sonographers.

Transparency and Conflict of Interest

Committee members involved in a project must disclose their involvement. They will abstain from evaluating that specific application and from discussions or votes regarding it.

Information and Communication

Details, application forms, and updates about the grant will be available on the Young Sonographers website, which will also highlight previous recipients and their publications.

Further information

For further information, please visit our webpage or contact the Young Sonographers national committee directly.