

Call for Application – Advanced Clinician Scientist Program ACTIVATE

ACTIVATE is an Advanced Clinician Scientist Program funded by the **Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR)**, with a scientific focus on **Immunology, Vascular Immunology, Tumor Immunology and Neuroimmunology**. ACTIVATE supports outstanding advanced clinician scientists at the University Medical Center (UMC) Mainz in developing independent academic careers with a strong translational focus.

ACTIVATE will enable the fellows to devote equal time (50/50) to clinical responsibilities and protected research, set within a well-established research environment. Fellows join as group leaders and **independent principal investigators**, with their own laboratory and office space, and the freedom to shape their research strategy. **ACTIVATE** is embedded in the well-established training structures of the Mainz Research School of Translational Biomedicine (TRANSMED). **TRANSMED** will support the fellows along with their individually assigned team of senior mentors.

What ACTIVATE offers:

- Six years of funding (evaluation after 3 years)
- 50% contractually guaranteed protected research time
- Financial support (€ 135,000 per year, including the own research position)
- An excellent scientific environment in the field of immunology with multiple opportunities for collaboration and access to cutting-edge infrastructure
- Career development and family life integration
- A structured clinical-scientific qualification program via TRANSMED with leadership training, mentoring and individual coaching
- Regular exchange with other (advanced) clinician scientist programs (at the UMC Mainz and other BMFTR-funded sites)

Your Profile:

- Clinician scientist with completed specialist training
- Position - or - offer of employment as physician at UMC Mainz
- Outstanding scientific track record with a clear independent research profile in an immunology-focused field
- Successful acquisition of third-party funding
- Strong motivation to pursue a long-term career as an advanced clinician scientist in translational medicine with an innovative research concept
- Commitment to Open Science and good scientific practice
- Collaborative team player with proven interpersonal and management capabilities

UMC Mainz is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Applications from individuals of all backgrounds, particularly those from underrepresented groups, are warmly encouraged.

The submission deadline is **October 31, 2026**, for funding to begin no later than January 1, 2027.

Please forward your complete application (as a single PDF) to transmed@uni-mainz.de.

- Applications should be addressed to the speaker of the ACTIVATE program:
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