

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

for the

„Justus Liebig University Giessen Advanced Clinician Scientist (ACS)

Program for Facilitation of Biomedical Research“



JLU-LIFT offers a highly attractive combined research and clinical training program for advanced clinician scientist in preparation for an academic career and potential professorship. JLU-LIFT is funded by the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) and will foster translational research by dedicated advanced clinician scientists (ACS) in the research areas:

- **“Imbalanced Inflammation & Infection“,**
- **„Fibrotic Repair & Remodeling“**
- **„Cancer Evolution & Progression“.**

These research areas synergistically build upon the corresponding research foci of the JLU Faculty of Medicine (JLU-FM), in which the JLU with its Focus Area *“Cardiopulmonary System”* reaches international visibility and coordinates national collaborative research consortia or institutions (e.g. German Center for Lung Research (DZL, <https://.dzl.de>); German Center for Infection Research (DZIF; <https://www.dzif.de>), and the Cluster of Excellence EXC2026, Cardiopulmonary Institute, <https://cpi-online.de>).

Program Structure

JLU-LIFT ACS will be **i)** funded for at least 50% of their working time for 6 years to ensure secured time in research, **ii)** recruited on an international level, **iii)** evaluated by a local steering committee and an international advisory board, **iv)** selected on the basis of excellence in clinical training, scientific projects/merits, and international networking, **v)** further promoted through access to research infrastructure, structured training modules, mentoring and periodic feedback, **vi)** supported by additional funding from the University Hospital Giessen Marburg branch at Giessen (UKGM-GI). Outstanding participants may subsequently be considered for tenured professorship opportunities within the Faculty of Medicine.

Eligibility

We are seeking highly motivated and passionate clinicians at specialist (“Facharzt”) level with a compelling track record in biomedical research and a clear vision for a career in academic medicine. Eligibility criteria include a completed medical specialist training (with respective certificates), a licence to practice medicine in Germany and corresponding German language skills, and obtaining a doctoral degree within the last 9 years (parental leave and care responsibilities can be taken into account). Acceptance of clinical employment with a perspective of a permanent position upon acceptance and implementation of protected research times must be confirmed by the clinical head of the respective department if the applicant is selected for the program. Previous participation in a structured Clinician Scientist Program is a desirable, but not mandatory. The JLU welcomes qualified applications regardless of biological and social gender (m/f/d), disability, nationality, ethnic and social origin, religion, ideology, age as well as sexual orientation and identity. The JLU aims for a higher proportion of women in accordance with the women's promotion plan. We therefore particularly



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encourage qualified female candidates to apply. JLU is certified as a family-friendly university. Applications from disabled people of equal aptitude will be given preference.

If you have questions regarding the program please contact Prof. Dr. Andreas. Günther (andreas.guenther@innere.med.uni-giessen.de) or Sandra Wobisch (sandra.wobisch@innere.med.uni-giessen.de).

The Deadline for this Call is the 30th of September 2026.