



# HEIDELBERG FACULTY OF MEDICINE

## Physician Scientist Programm of the Heidelberg Faculty of Medicine

### Information sheet on the career concept

The Physician Scientist Program of the Heidelberg Faculty of Medicine promotes research activities of young physicians by means of protected research periods. The aim of the program is the strengthening of basic and patient-oriented clinical and translational research. In addition, the program facilitates plannable and quality-assured medical education combined with scientific work at the Heidelberg University Hospital.

Therefore, applicants need to draw up an individual career plan together with the host hospital/institute and to actively pursue and update it.

In the following you will find information on the required contents of the requested career concept.

#### Career concept

The following career concept is agreed upon between Dr. *First Name Surname* and Prof. Dr. *First Name Surname\**, *hospital/institute*.

1. Title of the scientific project  
Specify the project title according to the submitted project description
2. Designation of the desired specialist certification  
Please name it
3. Utilization of the support by the Physician Scientist Program  
Please indicate the chosen funding model (see application guidelines.) When should the funding start ideally? What is the time schedule for the protected research period vs. clinical training in the course of the program?  
For non-medical scientists: please indicate when the third year of funding by the institute/hospital is planned
4. Declaration of exemption from patient care during the funded research period  
Please use the wording below:  
*“The signatories declare that the protected research periods agreed upon in this career concept will be adhered to, and that the applicant will be exempted from tasks in patient care within the time period funded by the MFHD.”*
5. Details on the scientific curriculum

In addition to the obligatory participation in the external seminars of the MFHD ("Outdoor Seminars"), the funding recipients and their supervisors need to determine



which additional offers, courses, further training, and congresses are reasonable and necessary for the funding recipients' careers. This should be adjusted to concrete needs. However, an overload should be avoided. Many departments offer a wide range of services, which are already regularly used, e.g. working group seminars, journal clubs, etc. Other contents such as the seminar series "Klinische Studien" or the "Curriculum Klinische Forschung" offered by the KKS Heidelberg as well as further training in areas such as "good scientific practice", "good clinical practice", "good manufacturing practice", "radiation protection", "animal experiments", methodological seminars at the core facilities, scientific lectures, etc. are also possible.

6. Information on important milestones in the academic career and in further clinical training

This includes, for example, information on planned lecturer training courses (Hochschullehrerzertifikat), on the content and time planning regarding the habilitation, on current or planned participation in teaching, plans for third-party funding applications and publications and/or on agreed authorship rules. Questions like "Which rotations you ideally plan to absolve and when?" "When do you plan to complete the clinical training?" "Do you have any plans for further training in management skills?" "Are you engaged in networks such as professional associations etc.?" should be answered as well. The time span of your description can go beyond the time funded by the program. Please also specify how you plan to continue the clinical-scientific career after the program.

7. Active support of the career concept

Please use the wording below:

*"The undersigned head of department undertakes to actively support the individually agreed career concept and to adhere to the agreements reached. This includes regular discussions during which the career concept is reviewed and updated."*

8. Signatures:

- Head of department
- Applicant
- PI, if other than head of department