

## TWS Research Award- Call for proposals 2023

The Tom-Wahlig-Foundation's funding activities aim at promoting research into the Hereditary Spastic Paraplegias (HSPs).

Two to three projects per year will be supported with a total of 25,000 to 35,000 EUR (each 10,000 to 15,000 EUR).

The deadline for corresponding applications will be September 30th.

A decision by the foundation's board will be based on reviews of anonymous experts from the field. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of the year and are expected to shortly present their projects at the annual HSP symposium (March 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 2024, Erlangen).

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 years of the award date for PhDs and eight years from the award date for MDs).

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](mailto: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.