

TRENAL Physician and Postdoc Scholarships

Info for German postdocs and physicians

What is TRENAL?

TRENAL (TRANSLATIONAL KIDNEY RESEARCH – FROM PHYSIOLOGY TO CLINICAL APPLICATION) is a DAAD-funded Thematic Network in which FAU, Charité, Yale University (YALE) and University College London (UCL) collaborate to develop new research paths in kidney research and translate them into novel diagnostic and therapeutic strategies. The goal of this network is to strengthen the interaction among the partners through an exchange program for medical and doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers and faculty members, providing the opportunity to undertake a period of education, research or clinical exchange at the partnering institutions.

What is being funded?

A. 1-2 months research stays

This program component will encourage post-doctoral researchers/fellows (M.D.s or PhD.s) to spend 1-2 months outside their home institution at a partner institution. Fellows who are involved in a research project at their home institution can use this opportunity for a focused set of experiments or for training in a special technique, with possible subsequent transfer to the home institution.

In other cases the goal will be to extend the postdoctoral research training at the host institution, either financed by the partner institution through other resources or extramural funding, e.g. DFG training grant.

PhD in investigative medicine from YALE for FAU/Charité postdoctoral fellows. As a special component of postdoctoral research training in the frame of the partnership between FAU/Charité and YALE, FAU/Charité postdoctoral fellows (M.D.) can apply for the PhD. in Investigative Medicine at YALE. Upon acceptance, all tuition fees will be waived. This represents a unique opportunity for excellent fellows and will form a strong basis for their career development.

B. 1 month clinical electives

The program is also open to advanced physicians-in-training (clinical fellows) among the partnering institutions (in Germany “Assistenzärzte” beyond their third year of training and “Fachärzte”) to obtain clinical experience in partner institutions.

C. Conference grants

A number of researchers / physicians can benefit from conference grants for participating in selected conferences in the US and the UK. The maximum duration of stays is 5 days in the US and 4 days in the UK. Conference grants include conference fees, travel costs and housing.

How many scholarships are available?

Purpose	Category	Host institution	2019	2020
A/B Research	postdoc researcher/ physician in training	Yale	2	1
A/B Research	postdoc researcher, physician in training	UCL	2	3
C Conference	Researchers/physicians	USA	4	4
C Conference	Researchers/physicians	UK	2	2

What are the actual rates?

A/B: Travel grant and monthly accommodation, actual costs according to BRKG (Bundesreisekostengesetz)

C: Travel grant, accommodation, and registration fees – actual costs according to BRKG.

How to apply

Application documents

- Letter of motivation
- Project idea (for research stays)

Timeline

Postdocs and physicians can start their stay any time. Applications should be submitted well in advance to plan the stay.