



Department of Economic, Social and Environmental Affairs of the Canton of Basel-Stadt

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Basel Incentive Programme RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS IN LIFE SCIENCES

Financial Support for Research Collaborations in Life Sciences

The Basel Incentive Programme provides funding of 15 million Swiss Francs annually to support collaborative projects between academic research and industry. The projects need to yield global and societal benefits.





Research Collaborations in Life Sciences

What qualifies for financial support?

Financial support can be granted for collaborative projects in the life sciences between academic institutions, research institutions, university hospitals and clinics in the Basel region on the one side, and research industry enterprises registered and taxable in the Canton of Basel-Stadt on the other. The strategic focus is on projects in the areas of Global Health and high-risk market environments. Projects are expected to contribute to the health and well-being of society and humanity.

Example

A local, internationally renowned academic institute in Global Health generates scientific insights into diseases and health systems and develops innovative approaches to improving health. A biotechnology company based in Basel specializes in combating antimicrobial resistance. The academic partner facilitates access to the relevant populations, while the company contributes its pipeline of active compounds. In this way, the collaboration combines core academic expertise with entrepreneurial innovation.

How much is covered by the financial support?

A total of

CHF 15 million

is allocated annually to all approved projects.





Applying for Financial Support

Who can apply?

The following research partners are eligible for financial support:

- Academic institutions located in the Canton of Basel-Stadt or with cantonal sponsorship
- Research institutions with cantonal sponsorship
- University hospitals and clinics located and headquartered in the Canton of Basel-Stadt
- Non-profit research institutions located in the Canton of Basel-Stadt with a link to academic institutions

Applications are to be submitted jointly by both research and industry partners under the lead of the research partner.

Submit an application

The opening date for the first call for applications and the exact timeline will be communicated in due course. More detailed information will be gradually released throughout the year 2026 and published at bs.ch/en/basel-incentive-programme.

