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## Detailed Regulations of D-HEST on the granting of Fellowships and Research Opportunity Awards of the AO Foundation

The Department of Health Sciences and Technology (D-HEST) decrees, in addition to Art. 11 lit. d of the D-HEST Rules of Procedure, the following detailed regulations regarding the granting of Fellowships and Research Opportunity Awards of the AO Foundation:

1. The regulations of the Partnership Agreements between the AO Foundation, ETH Zurich and the ETH Zurich Foundation from 28 February 2023 apply.
2. Between the years 2023 to 2026, an annual sum of CHF 12'000 is available for **AO Foundation Fellowships** to be distributed between a maximum of 4 Master students each year. Master students from the study programs of Health Sciences and Technology (HST) and Biomedical Engineering in the field of musculoskeletal research will be supported for Master practical courses (practical course reimbursement) or Master theses (reimbursement of expenses). Payment takes place monthly through D-HEST.
3. In the same period, CHF 10'000 is available for **AO Foundation Research Opportunity Awards** in Health Sciences and Technology, which can be distributed between a maximum of 5 students or doctoral students. Each award grants a maximum of CHF 2'000. The award supports D-HEST doctoral students and Master students of the study programs Health Sciences and Technology and Biomedical Engineering in the field of musculoskeletal research. The carrying out and travel costs of short-term projects, Master theses in partner laboratories or other universities, as well as guest research visits are supported. It is a one-off payment through D-HEST.
4. Fellowships and Research Opportunity Awards cannot be granted to applicants who have received an ESOP or MSP grant from ETH Zurich.
5. Applications for AO Fellowships and Research Opportunity Awards can be submitted by 30 April or 31 October. The application shall be addressed to the study coordinator HST.
6. Applications for an **AO Foundation Fellowship** are usually not project-specific and comprise a motivational letter with curriculum vitae (incl. ETH transcript of records). Successful applicants receive a suitable project from AO Foundation in consultation with their chosen ETH advisor (professor) and the AO responsible person.
7. Applications for an **AO Foundation Research Opportunity Award** are project-specific and are composed of a motivation letter including a short description of the project and explanations of the intended purpose as well as the curriculum vitae.
8. An AO Foundation committee evaluates the applications, assisted by the study coordinator HST, and subsequently makes a decision.
9. After the conclusion of the fellowship, respectively the payment of the award, and the submission of a short final project report, the successful candidates receive a certificate from the AO Foundation.

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