

CECAD Research Fellowships for Medical Students

Application Deadline: May 15, 2026, per email

CECAD serves as a unifying force, bringing together researchers and clinicians from the University, University Hospital and the Max Planck Institutes for Biology of Ageing and Metabolic Research in Cologne. The mission of CECAD is to uncover the molecular mechanisms regulating lifespan and contributing to aging-associated diseases, such as impaired pathogen defense, cancer, diabetes and neurodegenerative conditions. CECAD's long-term objective is to develop novel therapeutic interventions. To provide medical students at later stages of their studies with valuable research experience and the opportunity to practice their 'bench-to-bedside' thinking in a CECAD laboratory*, we offer:

Fellowships for

late stage (*from 5. semester, Klinik*) medical students for 6 months

Aim: 'Conduct a research project in one of our CECAD laboratories!'

Funding: 992 €/month

Successful applicants are expected to conduct their lab research on a full-time basis. As per DFG regulations, funding must be tied to a medical doctoral thesis. Research projects must start by **July 01, 2026**, at the latest.

We encourage highly-motivated students to apply until **May 15, 2026**. The application should include:

- a CV
- a letter of motivation (max. 1 page)
- a brief description of the research project (incl. project title and name of supervisor): ¾ - 1 page
- supporting letter by the hosting CECAD group leader (prerequisite for funding!)
- approximate starting date (latest **July 01, 2026**)

Please address your application (1 single pdf document) and further questions to Dr. Julia Zielinski (julia.zielinski@uk-koeln.de , Tel. 0221 478 89532).

* CECAD full member labs are listed on cecad.uni-koeln.de → Research → Principal Investigators