Structured training for future professionals

The complex and highly competitive nature of clinical research creates a growing need for well-trained clinical research professionals, not least those working as study coordinators, study managers, clinical monitors or clinical research assistants.

This CAS program prepares students for a successful professional career within operational clinical study planning and conduct and helps them face the daily responsibilities in the complex, ever-evolving, interdisciplinary environment of patient-oriented research, in academic as well as industry settings.

Target audience

This program has been specifically developed for

- candidates with a science or medical degree (minimum Bachelor’s degree)
- candidates without a university degree, but with a professional qualification (‘abgeschlossene Berufsausbildung’ or similar) and at least two years of practical work experience in clinical research (based on ‘sur-dossier’ decisions).
- Very good command of oral and written English is a prerequisite for admission to the program.

Course fee

CHF 6'000

The course fee includes all course materials, provision during tea/coffee breaks and overhead fees.

The Department of Clinical Research (DKF) offers training grants for members of DKF clinical research groups. Applications for training grants can be submitted when registering for the program.

Program structure and elements

CAS Clinical Research I, 11 ECTS, Duration: approx. 8 months

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Modules comprise of

- online training
- classroom training with lectures, practical exercises and group discussions
- multiple choice tests
- homework assignments

The work-shadowing is a one-week internship which serves the purpose of gaining insights into the daily work life in a clinical research profession. The work-shadowing is organised by the students and can be completed at

- academic clinical research sites (located mostly at university hospitals)
- pharmaceutical or biotech companies
- consulting companies (clinical research organisations, regulatory affairs agencies, etc.)
- regulatory agencies

Details on the application process, course dates and further information are available on dkf.unibas.ch/en/cas1

The number of participants is limited. Applications will be considered based on the date of receipt.