

## WHY SWISS BRIDGE

What sets us apart from the rest in the field of cancer research?

It is the extremely positive feedback we continuously receive from all our partners:

- Distinguished reputation of the SWISS BRIDGE Award
- Identification of specific projects in Switzerland and in other countries
- Professional scientific jury
- Designated donations are made available in full to screened and selected cancer researches & projects
- Low cost for advertising, PR, IT and fees, covered by supporters & friends of the foundation

This unique concept enables us to look to the future with optimism and take another important step in the fight against cancer!

In 2026, we will again support numerous research projects, some of which we have listed in this newsletter. The **SWISS BRIDGE AWARD** is also currently in its critical phase, and we look forward to seeing which scientists the SWISS BRIDGE Scientific Jury will select as winners.

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## Dear friends of the SWISS BRIDGE Foundation

With the help of your support, we have been able to achieve so much over the past 29 years. The days when a cancer diagnosis was a death sentence are long gone, and cancer patients are receiving better and better care.

Nevertheless, there is still much to do! Not only is it essential to further improve the chances of recovery for those affected, but cancer must also be prevented from developing in the first place.

In this issue of the newsletter, we'd like to provide you with an overview of the cancer research projects we're currently funding and the new projects we're currently initiating. The **SWISS BRIDGE AWARD 2026**; one of the most highly endowed cancer prizes in Europe, was announced once again in February. Currently it is in the heated evaluation phase, and we are very excited.

In general, cancer research is still extremely complex, which means that it is also quite costly. Thanks to your support, we've been able to promote key projects in Switzerland and internationally at a high level. If you're not yet involved, please challenge us! SWISS BRIDGE would be very pleased.

Dear readers - a heartfelt thank you for your interest, your support, your commitment, your contribution and especially for your trust!

With kind regards,



Prof. Dr. Jakob Passweg  
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SWISS BRIDGE  
AWARD 2026



**Tumor Heterogeneity**

Since 2000, the **SWISS BRIDGE AWARD** has been granted to support high-quality cancer research projects in Europe. This year, young investigators (under the age of 45 holding a PhD or MD) with projects focusing on **Tumor Heterogeneity** are eligible for application.

**Topic:** Tumor Heterogeneity  
**Prize money:** CHF 500'000

The award ceremony for this year's winners of the **SWISS BRIDGE AWARD 2026** will take place on **October 29, 2026** at noon at the magnificently situated „Zunfthaus zur Zimmerleuten“ in Zurich. If you would like to be present at the ceremony, please use the attached form or send us an email: [info@swissbridge.ch](mailto:info@swissbridge.ch)

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Golf-Event Lenzerheide**  
Wednesday, August 19, 2026



Interested?  
Please use the enclosed form!



**SUMMARY OF CURRENT  
PROJECTS 2026**

**Title:** Preventing colorectal cancer liver metastases through targeted protein degradation of the cancer-hepatocyte interactome

Research lead: Prof. Dr. Andreas Eduard Moor, MD-PhD, Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering (D-BSSE), Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich (ETHZ), Basel  
Budget: CHF 125'000 p.a.

**Title:** Childhood Cancer, Targeting the kinome in oncofusion-driven pediatric gliomas

Research lead: Dr. MD PhD Ana S. Stücklein, Department of Oncology and Children's Research Center, University Children's Hospital Zurich  
Budget: CHF 125'000 p.a.

**Title:** Development of a new surgical technique to de-escalate axillary surgery for breast cancer

Research lead: Prof. Dr. Walter P. Weber, Head of Division Breast Surgery, University Hospital Basel  
Budget: CHF 284'000

**Title:** Development of new therapies for men with metastatic prostate cancer

Research lead: Prof. Dr. med. Mark A. Rubin, Department for Biomedical Research (DBMR), Universität Bern; Prof. Nicola Aceto, Department of Biology, ETH Zürich; Dr. med. Dilara Akhoundova Sanoyan, Medizinische Onkologie, Inselspital, Bern  
Budget: CHF 343'650

**Title:** Development of novel therapies for cervical cancer

Research lead: Prof. Dr. Douglas Hanahan, Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research (ISREC), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne  
Budget: CHF 150'000 p.a.

**Title:** Childhood Cancer: Identifying novel therapeutic targets for childhood brain tumors using CRISPR in vivo screens in orthotopic mouse models

Research lead: Dr. PhD David T.W. Jones, Hopp Children's Cancer Center Heidelberg  
Budget: EUR 125'000 p.a.

**Title:** Pioneering Study on Brain Tumors

Research lead: PD Dr. med. Dr. sc. nat. Tobias Weiss, Comprehensive Cancer Center, Department of Neurology, University Hospital and University of Zurich  
Budget: EUR 125'000 p.a.

Curious about how to support a project?

With the help of our scientific jury, we would be pleased to find individual cancer research projects for you in Switzerland or abroad.

Please get in touch!

