**Project Proposal – Project Description**

BONFOR Funding Instrument 2, Type A:

***Establishing of Junior Research Groups – Young scientists with independent research project***

**Application number:**[No.]

**Project title:** [Text]

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**1. Applicant**

Last name, first name, title

Date of birth

Department/Institute

Phone

Email

Anticipated start date (you can postpone the start date shown on the website by up to 3 months)

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# 2. Specific Aims and Summary - *1 page max.*

* *Review the central question(s) in the field of research that will be addressed.*
* *Summarize the goals of the proposed research.*
* *Discuss the expected outcomes and describe the impact of research on the field.*
* *List the aims of proposed research.*

🡪 *This section will give the reviewer a brief overview on the background and aims of the application.*

[Text]

# 3. Research Strategy *- 5 pages max.*

**3.1. State of the art**

* *Briefly summarize the scientific background of the field of research.*
* *Explain the importance of the problem or critical barrier to progress in the field that the proposed project addresses.*
* *Explain how the proposed project will improve scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice.*
* *Describe how the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, or preventative interventions that drive this field will be changed if the proposed aims are achieved.*

🡪 *This section will give central background and set the stage for the proposed research. It is not meant to be a general review of the field.*

[Text]

**3.2. Innovation** *- ca. 0.5 page or less*

* *Describe any novel theoretical concepts, approaches, methodologies, or interventions to be developed or used, and any advantage over existing methodologies, instrumentation or intervention(s).*
* *Explain any refinements, improvements, or new applications of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation or interventions.*

*🡪 This section will be important for applicant to reflect on his/her own ideas and concepts. It will aid the reviewer in judging the novelty and potential impact of the studies.*

[Text]

**3.3. Approach** *- ca. 3 pages*

* *Include Preliminary Studies (including data figures) in this section that support the proposed research.*
* *Describe the strategy, methodology, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project. Include how the data will be collected, analyzed, and interpreted.*
* *Clarify your* ***own contribution*** *in the project.*
* *Discuss potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success anticipated to achieve the aims.*
* *If the project is in the early stages of development, describe any strategy to establish feasibility, and address the management of any high risk aspects of the proposed work.*

*🡪 This section provides the reviewer with the knowledge upon which he has to judge the proposed research.*

*🡪 A possible way to organize the writing of this section would be:*

***Aim 1:***XYZ *(can have several sub-aims that are logically connected)*

***Hypothesis:***

***Rationale / preliminary data:*** *This section allows to set the stage for the planned research and should describe the preliminary data (if they already exist).*

***Approach:*** *Describe the research plan including methods and analysis.*

***Alternative strategies:*** *Reflect on potential problems and provide alternative research strategies.*

***Aim 2:***XYZ

***Hypothesis:***

***Rationale / preliminary data:***

***Approach:***

***Alternative strategies:***

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**4. Project funding**

*List and justify money requested.*

**Staff funding:**

**Material resources:** *(including computer software and expenses for laboratory animals)*

**Core Facility:**

**5. Project requirements**

**5.1. Composition of the project group**

*List only those individuals who will work on the project but will not be paid out of the project funds.*

[Text]

**5.2. Cooperation with other researchers**

*Researchers with whom you have agreed to cooperate on this project (within and outside the Medical Faculty).*

[Text]

**5.3. Scientific equipment**

*List larger instruments that will be available to you for the project.*

[Text]

**6. Assurance that the application was submitted nowhere else**

I hereby certify that I have not submitted this application anywhere else.

City, Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments**

*Please see BONFOR website (section funding line 2).*

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***Formatting guidelines (or use this template)***

***Page format:*** *DIN A4*

***Margins:*** *2 cm (top, bottom, right, left)*

***Font:***  *Arial (not Arial Narrow)*

***Font size:*** *11 pt. (references at least 6 pt.)*

***Line spacing:*** *1.0*

***Page limits:*** *As outlined in each section*

***Annexes:*** *References listed in the application*