

Reglement for Funding by the Multidisciplinary Center for Infectious Diseases (“MCID”) Research Fund, Vetsuisse Faculty (“MCID RF”), University of Bern (“UniBE”)

The University Management (“UM”) and the Directorate of the MCID (“Directorate”) with reference to the By-Laws of the MCID decides that:

Preamble

With the generous support of the Stiftung Vinetum [legal details on designation from Rechtsabteilung] the UniBE founded the MCID with a view to support research project funding, core, and teaching & outreach activities focussing on pandemic preparedness research and development from the MCID RF.

Multi-, and Interdisciplinary projects and activities carried out by member researchers of the MCID (“MCID Members”) will take place in research focus areas that are assigned to one of the virtual MCID Clusters (Immunity, Patient-focused research, Epidemiology, Microbiology, Neglected diseases, Ethics and policy and Economics), which must be at UniBE or associated institutes, or the Inselspital/Bern University Hospital.

The aim of the financial support for multi-, and interdisciplinary projects and activities by the MCID RF is to generate scientific, technical, ethics, policy and economic research and know-how that can aid preparedness framework planning for healthcare, governmental, technical advisory and societal institutions in advance of any future pandemic events.

Art. 1 Aim of the MCID RF and subject of the Reglement

¹The MCID RF supports researchers of the UniBE, associated institutes and/or the Inselspital/Bern University Hospital with research project grants, core activity and teaching & outreach activities for multi-, and interdisciplinary projects and activities. The scientific aims of this financial support are set out in the individual funding calls as published by the Directorate in line with the MCID’s research strategy. The financial aims of the activities supported by the MCID RF is to build an excellence profile in the research focus areas of the MCID that can attract additional funding for the MCID and therefore ensure financial sustainability of the MCID.

²This Reglement determines the award framework for the distribution of MCID RF support.

Art. 2 Principles and Definitions

¹MCID RF Project Proposals must be compliant with the terms and conditions of the relevant funding call

MCID Core Activity Proposals must be compliant with the terms and conditions of the relevant funding call

MCID Teaching & Outreach activities must be compliant with the terms and conditions of the relevant funding call

²The Directorate determines the total funding volume of each funding call

³There is no entitlement to the award of funding by the MCID RF

⁴Proposals are defined according to Project Proposals, Core Activity Proposals and Teaching & Outreach Funding activity relevant to a specific funding call.

Art. 3 Funding Volume for MCID RF

¹Funding volume for each type of research project grants, core activity and teaching & outreach program for multi-, and interdisciplinary projects and activities will be determined by the Directorate and published in the course of every funding call by the MCID.

²Relevant matched funding from the UniBE or associated institutes, and/or the Inselspital/Bern University Hospital will be subject to the terms and conditions of the relevant funding instruments of these institutions

Art. 4 Funded Projects

¹The MCID RF funds projects that fall within the published remit of the funding call for research project grants, core activity and teaching & outreach program for multi-, and interdisciplinary projects as determined by a process of consultation of the MCID Members by the Directorate.

²The remit is published as part of the funding call document of the relevant funding call.

Art.5 Eligibility, Terms and Conditions

¹Eligible applicants are employees of the UniBE or associated institutes, and/or the Inselspital/Bern University Hospital.

²Employment terms and conditions of applicants are defined in the details of the relevant funding call

³The same proposal cannot be the subject of a concomitant submission to any other third party funder in parallel with that made to the MCID RF

⁴Matched funding from the UniBE or associated institutes, and/or the Inselspital/Bern University Hospital, Industry or other third party funders must be reported to the Management Office of the MCID ("MCID MO")

⁵The project must be located and carried out at the UniBE or associated institutes, and/or the Inselspital/Bern University Hospital

Art. 6 Multi- and Interdisciplinary Research

¹Applicants for MCID RF support are strongly encouraged to pursue Multi- and Interdisciplinary Research as set out by the remit the relevant MCID RF funding call for Project Proposals, Core Activity Proposals and Teaching & Outreach activities.

²Applicants at the Inselspital/Bern University Hospital are considered to be applicants of the Medical Faculty of the UniBE.

³The requirements for applicants seeking support from the MCID RF to be members of different Faculties of the UniBE is set-out in the eligibility criteria of the relevant MCID RF funding call terms and conditions.

Art. 7 Use of MCID RF Support

¹Permitted expenses of any support by the MCID RF are set-out in the terms and conditions of the relevant funding call of the MCID RF and

²In the Award Letter to successful applicants of any MCID RF supported activity.

³No funds can be directly used to fund activities outside of the UniBE or associated institutes, and/or the Inselspital/Bern University Hospital, except those expressly permitted in the terms and conditions of the relevant funding call of the MCID RF

Art. 8 Funding Award Procedure

¹MCID RF funding call timelines and cycles are agreed by the Directorate.

²The MCID MO executes the operational delivery of MCID RF funding calls by publishing relevant remits, terms and conditions, timelines guidelines and application forms.

³The MCID MO manages the call, review, and outcome communication process

⁴The MCID MO can only consider applications to funding calls of the MCID RF that are submitted according to the deadline and are complete and compliant with the requirements set-out in the funding call.

⁵The MCID MO manages all financial matters and discharge of funds for funded projects as well as monitoring of reporting requirements and achievement of agreed deliverables.

Art. 9 Review of proposals

¹Proposals are reviewed according to procedures agreed by the Directorate.

²Following the decision on funding awards the MCID communicates the results to successful applicants

³Proposals seeking funding from the MCID RF in any funding call will be evaluated on the following, accepted basis:

- a* Qualifications of the applicant(s)
- b* Impact of the research profile of the applicants
- c* Scientific excellence and innovative nature of the proposed research
- d* Feasibility of the proposed activities
- e* Compatibility with funding call remit

Art 10 Obligations and responsibilities

¹If successful the awardee must open a designated "Drittmittelkonto" at the relevant UniBE or associated institutes, and/or the Inselspital/Bern University Hospital named according to the project code and title as communicated by the MCID MO in the award letter. The MCID MO will then transfer the funds to this designated MCID Drittmittelkonto.

²Use of funds and return of unused funds is set-out in the award letter for the relevant MCID RF funding programme

³Reporting requirements on scientific progress and financial accounting are compulsory and details are set out in the award letter for the relevant MCID RF funding programme

Art. 11 Reporting

¹The Directorate will provide annual reporting to the UM on the activities undertaken as part of the MCID RF.

Art. 12 Effective date

¹This Reglement has been approved by the Directorate and is effective immediately.

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