

## **350 Research Grants application terms and conditions (the Terms and Conditions)**

### **Objective of the grant**

As part of our commitment to advance science and technology, Merck launched the research grants program (hereinafter the “**Research Grant**”). The aim of the Research Grant is to create new sustainable partnerships with leading global science and technology players to work on breakthrough science and to generate valuable seeds for future business.

Merck intends to offer research grants in the following 4 research areas:

- **Healthy Lives/Drug Discovery**
- **Life Reimagined/Synthetic Biology**
- **Materials & Solutions**
- **Digitalization/Computing**

### **Grant Procedure**

#### **Review Process:**

The Application Form must be filled out with the submitters research proposal. Use of only non-confidential information in the research proposal is allowed. The submission date for research proposals is August 15th, 2018. Only proposals submitted within the competition timeline will be considered. Applications for the Research Grants will be reviewed by dedicated Merck Research Grant Committees. All the research applications will be scored based on the following criteria: innovativeness, commercial potential, path forward after 3 years, probability of success, team strength, strategic fit. Submitters of the best applications will be invited to a Deep Dive workshop to further advance the proposals together with Merck scientists. For this purpose a participants agreement will need to be signed. Merck will cover travel and accommodation costs on conditions as covered in the participation agreement. During the deep dive workshops the grant awardees will be announced. Merck will then enter into bilateral research grant agreements (hereinafter the “Research Grant Agreement”) with selected awardees to enable pay-out.

#### **Amount and schedule of grant(s)**

The amount of the grant(s) is EUR 350,000 annually for three years, or any other amount or time that will be determined based on the recommendation of the Committees. The award may fund all or part of the proposed project and for all or part of the requested time period. Grants may be awarded on the basis of conditional milestones as contained in the Research Grant Agreement.

#### **The Research Grant Agreement**

The grant(s) will be subject to the signature of the Research Grant Agreement between the awardee and Merck. This Agreement will identify the amount of the grant, IP rights, the grant payment conditions, the description and schedule of the project activities , including payment milestones.

#### **Intellectual Property**

Background Intellectual Property.

Any Party’s Background Intellectual Property is and shall remain the separate property of the respective

Party. Unless expressly set forth herein, no right, license, title, or interest in Background Intellectual Property owned or controlled by any Party is granted or implied.

#### Inventions

During the negotiation of the Research Grant Agreement, the awardee and Merck will discuss and negotiate on the terms and conditions for the ownership of inventions and license and other rights to such inventions.

#### **No Additional Compensation.**

The selected participant of the Research Grant shall receive no further compensation by Merck other than the reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs for the Deep Dive Workshop and, if selected, the Grant. The institutional participant agrees and shall ensure that any potential compensation claims by the institution, any participating investigators, Scientists, internal or external personnel or sites participating in the research project are fully compensated as per research project budget.

#### **Confidentiality**

Confidential Information.

Participant agrees to hold in confidence and not to disclose to any third party any and all information and materials that Participant obtains from, or develops for, Merck under these Terms and Conditions as well as all information and materials referring to any project developed or discussed in the framework of the Research Grant ("**Confidential Information**"). Confidential Information also includes the terms and form of these Terms and Conditions. Merck retains the exclusive right to make any press release or any kind of public communication about the competition.

Participant Confidential Information.

Merck agrees to hold in confidence and not to disclose to any third party any confidential or proprietary information of the participant, such as, but not limited to, ideas, information, suggestions, recommendations and reports, provided by the participant to Merck under these Terms and Conditions ("Participant Confidential Information").

Confidential Information does not include information that (i) is publicly available at the time of disclosure; (ii) was in the possession of or known by the receiving party prior to his or her receipt of the information; (iii) is independently developed by the receiving party without use of any Confidential Information; or (iv) becomes known to the receiving party from a source other than the disclosing party that has no obligation of confidentiality with the disclosing party. The obligations of the parties under this Section will survive the expiration or termination of these Terms and Conditions.

#### **Data Privacy**

Merck uses your personal data collected in this form for evaluating your application, including to contact you via phone or e-mail (Art. 6 (1) b) General Data Protection Regulation), to track repeat and multiple applications from the same applicant, and to use this information to prepare a Merck 350 Anniversary Research Grant Agreement (contract) between a research institution you are affiliated with, and Merck, in the event that your research proposal is selected for Merck 350 Anniversary Research Grant. We process the information you provide, in accordance with our Privacy and Cookie Policy. By providing the above information, you consent to such processing and you warrant that all information you provide about yourself is true, accurate, current and complete. Furthermore, you confirm that you obtained the explicit consent of any other persons whose personal data you may provide. You understand that

transmission of information via the internet is not completely secure and is not encrypted; Internet or phone service providers are third parties used for delivery of the messages therefore you understand that transfer of messages via these communications channels are subject to their own terms and conditions.

Your personal data will only be shared by us with Merck affiliates and partners, including, but not limited to an independent review committee evaluating your application for the purposes of such evaluation. Where we share your data with recipients outside of the EU, we conclude standard contractual clauses ("Clauses") issued by the EU Commission to safeguard your data.

You have a right to receive and inspect your stored personal data, to demand its correction or deletion, to object to its future use and to receive copies of the Clauses, for example by contacting our data protection officer ([privacy@merckgroup.com](mailto:privacy@merckgroup.com)). We will keep your data as long as we may collaborate with you (now or in the future).

### **Indemnification**

Applicant herewith agrees to indemnify Merck (including its affiliates, representatives, agents and collaborators) and hold it harmless from and against all losses, claims, damages, expenses or other liabilities whatsoever which may occur to Merck as a direct consequence of the application for the Research Grant by the applicant, or any of its employees, agents or representatives.

### **Liability**

Except for breach of confidentiality, neither the applicant nor Merck shall be liable to the other party for any indirect, incidental, punitive, or consequential damages in connection with these Terms and Conditions even if such party is advised of the possibility thereof.