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Regulation for Research Grants

1. Purpose and scope

¹The Swiss Heart Foundation supports research on cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases by granting financial contributions for research projects conducted in Switzerland.

²This regulation defines the procedure, the requirements and the extent of research promotion by the Swiss Heart Foundation.

³It applies to all grant applications for research projects in Switzerland submitted to the Swiss Heart Foundation.

2. Requirements

2.1 Formal requirements

¹The application forms can be downloaded from www.swissheart.ch/researchgrant.

²The fully completed application forms need to be submitted electronically as a searchable pdf together with all requested documents and electronically signed by the first applicant and, if required, the legally responsible person.

2.2 Requirements for content

¹The Swiss Heart Foundation supports research projects dealing exclusively with cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases.

²The Swiss Heart Foundation does not award scholarships.

2.3 Reasons for exclusion

The Research Committee of the Swiss Heart Foundation may reject applications without explanation based on formal grounds or upon evaluation of the project.

3. Procedure

3.1 Deadlines

¹Applications must be submitted no later than June 30th as defined by the date stamp of the e-mail to research@swissheart.ch.

²The Swiss Heart Foundation acknowledges receipt of the application by e-mail.

³The Research Committee evaluates the applications and takes its decision no later than November 30th the year of the call. If necessary, the Research Committee may involve external reviewers.

3.2 Preliminary evaluation

¹The office of the Research Committee of the Swiss Heart Foundation evaluates the formal requirements of the applications. Applications not conforming to the Instructions for Applications or received after the deadline will be rejected.

²The office of the Research Committee forwards the valid applications to the members of the Research Committee for scientific evaluation.



3.3 Decision of the Research Committee

¹The Research Committee of the Swiss Heart Foundation examines the applications and takes its decision for financial support at its own discretion based on scientific merit. Project support is not automatically granted.

²The Research Committee notifies the applicants in writing about its decision no later than December 31st of the current year.

³In the case of a positive decision, the applicant will be informed in writing about the awarded amount and the duration of financial support and the payment conditions.

⁴Successful applicants will receive an agreement to be legally countersigned and returned to the Swiss Heart Foundation, thereby declaring their consent to comply with the set rules.

⁵The decisions of the Research Committee are final. The Swiss Heart Foundation does not engage in correspondence about their decisions and there is no option for appeal.

4. Financial contributions

4.1 Amount

¹The Research Committee decides on the amount of financial support.

²As a rule the Swiss Heart Foundation grants amounts not exceeding CHF 100'000 per project and year. The Research Committee may allow exceptions for multicentre projects.

³The research grants are generally intended to cover one calendar year, and can, in justified cases and depending on the project, be extended to cover two calendar years.

⁴If the project foresees the employment of staff the personnel costs should be budgeted according to the guidelines of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF). None of the applicants can claim personnel costs for themselves.

⁵Applicants may only submit one application per annum as main applicant.

4.2 Accountability

¹The Research Committee determines the conditions for the use of the grant, the reporting and the accountability in its decision letter.

²The funding recipients must submit a written interim report once a year on the use of the financial support and the scientific progress. Within six months after the end of the funding period, the recipients must submit their final report together with the publications and the financial report. Forms can be downloaded from www.swissheart.ch/researchgrant.

³The recipients are requested to mention the support of the Swiss Heart Foundation's financial support in all publications related to the project and in internal reports with e.g. "This work was supported by a grant from the Swiss Heart Foundation."

4.3 Use of equipment

After conclusion of the project all equipment acquired through the support of the Swiss Heart Foundation must stay in Switzerland and remain available to the research unit that submitted the project. In special cases the Research Committee decides on the use of the equipment after having received the final report.



4.4 Terms of payment

¹The Research Committee specifies the terms of payment in its notification. The recipient must provide the name and institution of the account holder and relevant bank payment information.

²The granted amount of money will be transferred to a research account at the academic institution of the first applicant in the following year and will expire on December 31st of the funding year. Different arrangements require the approval of the Swiss Heart Foundation.

5. Closing provisions

This regulation was approved by the Research Committee and the Board of the Foundation.

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