

Animal**free**Research

Wir ersetzen Tierversuche

Regulation for awarding research grants

Foundation Animalfree Research

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(based on Art 9. 3 of the foundation's deed, 16th April 2008)

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I. General terms

Art 1 Purpose

This regulation serves to provide a basis for all operating procedures and decision-making processes related to applications for research grants handed to the foundation.

Art 2 Relation to the deed of foundation

The regulation specifies the foundation's deed. In the case of ambiguities or contradictions the deed overrules the regulation. Additions to the deed by the regulations are acceptable as long as they don't alter the purpose of the foundation.

Art 3 Time frames for funding

A grant cannot be awarded for a period of more than two years (with an option for prolongation of 1 year). For longer-term grants see Art 5.

II. Conditions for funding

Art 4 Acceptable topics

In addition to the specifications of the deed (Art 2. 2) the following topics are accorded preferential sponsorship by the foundation Animalfree Research:

- a) Advancement of alternative methods for the complete or partial replacement of animal experiments in terms of the 3R: development, validation, optimization, publication, acceptance, implementation.
- b) Dialogue with science and the public as well as commitment to the changes in the legal framework regarding the protection of experimental animals

Art 5 Regular (institutionalized) funding

¹ Particular events and activities serving the reduction and replacement of animal experiments can be supported for more than three years (e.g. World Congresses on Animal Use and its Alternatives, Linz Congresses).

² The support of congresses should allow, whenever possible, to play a steering role on the program design: e.g. by sponsoring particular sessions or by taking over travel expenses for scientists whose attendance is considered valuable.

³ The decision which grants can be awarded for longer periods of time is determined by considerations concerning science, animal welfare politics and legal practice.

Art 6 Topics excluded from funding

¹ No animal experiments are financed by means of the foundation.

² Explicitly excluded from sponsorship are:

- a) projects expected to have little or no impact on replacement and/or reduction of animal experiments.
- b) scientific projects with no perspective to be implemented and used as an alternative method.
- c) projects which disregard the animal's dignity.

Art. 7 Properties of Publications

¹ Publications deriving from a project supported by Animalfree Research must carry at least one of the following keywords:

„animal use alternatives“

„animal testing alternatives“

in order to facilitate their retrievability in a data bank search:

²Open access: The foundation aims at making publications resulting from funded projects accessible to all interested parties and therefore explicitly supports the “Gold Road of Open Access” (direct publication in an Open Access Journal of scientifically acknowledged quality). If the costs for publishing in such a journal can verifiably not be carried by the author or his/her institution, an application for an additional maximum funding sum of 1'500 Swiss Francs can be submitted to Animalfree Research within the duration of the project. The decision on granting the additional sum is up to the foundation.

III. Application and evaluation procedures

Art 8 Application procedure

¹ All applications for sponsorship are to be directed to the foundation's office. The office confirms receipt of the application within 2 weeks. The applications are treated as confidential.

² For applications, use exclusively the submission form on www.animalfree-research.org.

³ The office audits the applications with a view to compliance to the rules, professional quality, relevance to animal welfare, and budget compatibility.

⁴ The foundation reserves its right to clarify the resources for executing a project on location, if necessary, and to pass the project application on to an external referee for his/her opinion. The applicant agrees to this condition through the submission of the application.

⁵ As a rule, applications are being decided on within three months.

⁶ Members of the steering committee, who apply for funding on their own or on an employer's behalf, must not be treated preferentially.

Art 9 Contract

¹ In case of approval of the project a sponsorship contract in written form is concluded between the foundation and the applicant.

² The contract determines the frame of the granted support.

Art 10 Applicant's obligations

¹ Applicants are required:

- a. to use the grant received for the purposes of the approved research project (and to present regular accounts).
- b. to inform the office in good time if any funds already allotted are not likely to be needed.
- c. to deliver the interim and final reports within the time limits decreed in the contract.
- d. to inform the office of any patent applied for in relation to work carried out as part of the research project funded by the foundation. If a patent is registered and economically exploited, the Foundation is entitled to reclaim grants full or in part. In this case the Steering Board decides on the amount to be paid to the Foundation on an individual basis.
- e. to submit the scientific results of their research project to an appropriate organ for publication, simultaneously submitting a copy to the foundation. All publications have to mention the support by the foundation.
- f. hand in a short version suitable for the lay public.

² The foundation reserves the rights to use the results of the research project in a suitable manner in order to present its work to the public.

IV. Additional terms

Art 11 Modifications of the regulation

¹ Changes of the regulation require the approval of at least two thirds of the steering board members.

² The modified regulation is initialled by the President on each page and dated at the document's end and signed as well as filed as an original with the foundation's records.

³ Each member of the steering committee as well as the office and the supervising authorities (Art 12. 4 in the foundation's deed) receive a complete copy of the modified regulation for their information.

Art. 12 Furtherance

This regulation enters into force with its approval by the steering committee. The original, dated and signed by the Co-presidents is filed among the foundation's records

Bern, 24th of June 2014



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