

ITI Research Grants Terms & Conditions

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1. Definitions

“First Applicant” shall mean the scientist submitting the application for an ITI Research Grant and seeking financial support for a given research project. The first applicant is the main contact and corresponding author towards the ITI for all matters related to a research grant.

“Co-Applicants” shall mean any additional scientist, researcher, academic personnel, or consultant, listed by the First Applicant as contributor and involved with operational execution of the planned research project.

“Institution” shall mean the University, Academic Organization or Research Institute at which the First Applicant is employed or contractually affiliated to and where the research project will be executed and supervised.

“Ethics Committee” shall mean any institutional, local, regional or national body responsible for the oversight and approval of medical, animal or human research studies.

“ITI Research Grant” shall mean the amount of money approved by the ITI, after review and deliberation by the ITI Research Committee, reserved for funding of a given research project submitted by the First Applicant and paid out to the First Applicant’s Institution.

“ITI” shall mean the representation of the ITI Association (ITI Verein) and ITI Foundation (ITI Stiftung), consisting of members of the ITI Research Committee and representatives of the ITI Headquarters.

“ITI Headquarters” shall mean employees and management staff of the ITI Foundation (ITI Stiftung) in charge of the executive control and organization of the ITI Association’s operative activities.

“ITI Research Committee” shall mean the body of experts appointed to oversee and develop the ITI Association’s Research strategy, in charge of evaluating whether an application is consistent with the ITI’s objectives and make sure the proposed research project plans for appropriate resources and adequate study outcomes. The ITI Research Committee is composed of experts from various countries and disciplines. The names of the ITI Research Committee Members are published on the ITI website at www.iti.org.

2. Eligibility for an ITI Research Grant

Eligibility for an ITI Research Grant depends on full acceptance of these terms and conditions by the First Applicant and the Institution. No amendments to these terms and conditions will be made. Any application containing amendments to the terms and conditions will not be accepted. Only scientists and researchers associated with a university, academic organization or research institute are eligible to receive grants. Once a grant has been awarded, the First Applicant is barred from making any further ITI grant application for a period of three years.

3. Grant Application & Award

Applications for an ITI Research Grant are solely to be made via the channels approved by the ITI and defined in the guidelines made available on the ITI Associations dedicated webpage. Twice a year, after the application deadlines, the ITI will engage with the review, assessment and vote process. Incomplete applications will be rejected. If an application is deemed complete, it will be presented to the ITI Research Committee for evaluation.

The final decision will be shared with the applicants once all the projects of a given application round have been reviewed. The grant is awarded on a provisional basis, and funds will only be released once the study has been formally initiated and all required documents and approvals have been duly submitted by the First Applicant and the Institution.

4. First Applicant & Co-Applicants

Upon approval of an ITI Research Grant for a particular research project, the First Applicant and the Institution have full responsibility for the design, execution, and management of the research project as well as compliance with all national and international regulatory and legal requirements applicable to the funded research project. The First Applicant herewith recognizes that the ITI bears no responsibility for the project being funded and is only contributing to the project with an ITI Research Grant. The First Applicant and the Institution bear the responsibility for full compliance with these terms and conditions by Co-Applicants and their institutions.

Once a grant has been awarded, the first applicant is barred from making any further ITI grant application for a period of three years. These Terms & Conditions shall not constitute a contractual relationship between the First Applicant and the ITI.

Upon approval of an ITI Research Grant for a project, the First Applicant and Co-Applicants are responsible for the design, execution, management of the research project, as well as compliance with regulatory and legal requirements relating to the funded research project.

The First Applicant and Co-Applicants herewith recognize that the ITI bears no responsibility for the funded research project and is only contributing to the project financially with an ITI Research Grant.

5. Institution

Upon approval of an ITI Research Grant for a research project the First Applicants Institution bears the responsibility of compliance with all national and international regulatory and legal requirements applicable to the funded research project. The Institution is responsible for assuring compliance by the First Applicant and any involved Co-Applicants engaged with the Institution in the context of the applied research project.

The Institution herewith recognizes that the ITI bears no responsibility for the funded research project and is only contributing to the project financially with an ITI Research Grant.

6. Provision of Funds

Once a grant has been awarded, research funds will be paid out in instalments to be agreed upon by the First Applicant, the Institution and ITI Headquarters.

Once a grant is approved, ITI Headquarters will provide the First Applicant with a link to fill in the bank details of the Institution responsible for overseeing and hosting the research project. A specific bank details webform page must be downloaded and signed by the First Applicant and an authorized signatory of the institution. A copy of the signed document must be provided to the ITI Headquarters via the approved and defined communication channels. Approved funds are only paid out to the account indicated in this Bank Details Form.

The ITI shall not make any payment to employees of the Institution. No direct payments shall be made to the First Applicant or any of the listed Co-Applicants. Funds will only be made available upon receipt of an invoice issued by the Institution on the dates agreed with ITI Headquarters. Invoices must be addressed to the ITI Headquarters in the currency of the grant award and comply with the invoice requirements described in the guidelines and on ITI's dedicated webpage.

If portions of the grant need to be paid to third party academic institutions involved in conducting the project, the third party must also fill in the bank details webform and provide a signed copy of it to the ITI Headquarters.

7. Funding Restrictions

Below financial restrictions apply over the whole project timeline and are subject to assessment of the ITI.

- The **first instalment** cannot exceed **50%** of the total grant value.
- The **last instalment** of **20%** of the grant value will be paid upon publication of the study results in an international, peer reviewed journal.
- Original invoices for equipment/items of lasting value and/or supplies/consumables must be provided to ITI Headquarters if requested in the event of a project review.

All overhead, VAT or other administrative fees are to be included in the applied grant amount.

| Funding Item | Coverage |
|---|----------------------------------|
| University overhead / Administrative costs | Up to 20 % of the approved grant |
| Compensation for affiliated faculty collaborators | Up to 10 % of the approved grant |
| Compensation for non-faculty collaborators | Up to 20 % of the approved grant |
| Overall publication costs | Up to USD 3'500.00 |
| Hotel & accommodation expenses | Not covered |
| Food & beverage expenses | Not covered |
| Travel expenses for congress participation | Not covered |
| Basic surgical and basic IT-equipment | Not covered |
| Ph.D. / M.Sc. student stipend | Not covered |

8. Annual Status Reports

Once a year, at minima, ITI Headquarter will reach out to the First Applicant via the defined communication channel to request a yearly status report, to be completed and submitted using the ITI-provided template. **Status reports must be submitted within 1 month following the request date from ITI Headquarters.**

Status reports are meant to give a short summary of the project development, the latest progress, timelines and information about any planned or ongoing publications. These reports will be presented to the members of the ITI Research Committee to inform them of the progress of the research project.

Status reports are requested in line with the payment scheme agreed between ITI, the First Applicant and the Institution after confirmation of the grant acceptance. Instalments are tied to the reception of the yearly reports. The ITI reserves the right to adjust individual instalments and deduct parts of the financing in case the reports do not comply with the requirements defined in the ITI Research Grant guidelines or if the data provided is incomplete.

9. Final Report

Upon completion of the research project, a comprehensive final report including a financial overview must be submitted to ITI Headquarters. ITI Headquarter will contact the First Applicant via the defined communication channel, requesting the completion and submission of this report. **Status reports must be submitted within 1 months following the request date from ITI Headquarters.**

The First Applicant will be required to summarize the results and update the ITI headquarters about published articles and/or manuscripts in progress. The report shall contain aggregated and summarized results. The reports shall not contain any personal data on subjects having participated in the research project. This report will be presented to the members of the ITI Research Committee to inform them of the conclusion of the research project.

10. Project Delays

Should the project be delayed for any reason, the First Applicant must inform ITI Headquarters immediately and provide a new projected end date for the study. The First Applicant, the Institution and ITI Headquarters will define a new payment timeline, considering the required milestones and project developments. Approval of any extension requests is at the discretion of the ITI Research Committee.

11. Original Publications

A copy of any original publication/s resulting from the funded study must be provided to ITI Headquarters as soon as it is available.

12. Data Protection

The First Applicant, the Institution and any of the assigned Co-Applicants shall ensure compliance with all applicable data protection laws.

13. Footnoting Financial Support

Financial support provided by the ITI must be footnoted in the publication in the following manner: "This project was supported by a grant from the International Team for Implantology, Switzerland."

14. Ethical Committee Approval

Should the ITI agree to fund a research project requiring the approval of a local, regional or national Ethics Committee. It is the duty of the First Applicant to provide proof of the approval. Funds will only be made available after copies of the approval forms have been provided to ITI Headquarters. The ITI reserves the right to request an English translation of the local, regional or national Ethics Committee approval. **The required Ethics Committee approval must be obtained and submitted to the ITI Headquarters within twelve (12) months of the date on which the grant award was officially communicated to the First Applicant.**

Should Ethical Committee review lead to the amendment of the initial research protocol, the First Applicant will be requested to resubmit the amended protocol to the ITI Research Committee. Depending on the scope and implications of the submitted changes, the ITI reserves the right to request revisions of the original Research Grant applied for or withdraw any committed funding without further obligation.

15. Amendments to the Study Protocol of ongoing Research Projects

If the protocol of a funded and ongoing study is amended, the First Applicant is obliged to inform the ITI Headquarters in writing and provide a copy of the amended protocol. Depending on the nature of the required protocol changes, the ITI reserves the right to reevaluate the research Grant requirements and the required funds. The ITI, the First Applicant and the Institution shall review to what extent the initially approved Research Grant amount is to be revised and agree on either a reduction or maintaining the initially granted amount.

16. Intellectual Property Rights

The First Applicant and the Institution shall own all rights, titles and interests in and to all intellectual property, conceived and reduced to practice in the conduct of the research project funded by ITI hereunder. The First Applicant and the Institution shall immediately inform the ITI Headquarters of any invention that may become the subject of a patent, or any other intellectual property rights resulting from the research project funded by the ITI.

The ITI and its industry partner, Institut Straumann AG, shall have a right of first offer as well as a right of first refusal on the same terms negotiated with a third party for a license, preferably an exclusive, transferable and worldwide license, for such patent and other intellectual property rights and the First Applicant and the Institution shall negotiate in good faith with the ITI or Institut Straumann AG for a period not exceeding six months on a license agreement.

17. Referring to Funded Studies

The First Applicant and the Institution grant the ITI a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty free license to publish the ITI funded study in ITI publications, on the ITI website, social media platforms or in publications authorized by the ITI, and to provide information on the grant/ITI-funded study to its industry partner Institut Straumann AG.

18. Unspent Funds

Any unspent funds remaining after completion of the supported research project must be returned to the ITI.

19. The First Applicant leaves the Institution

Should the First Applicant leave the Institution, ITI Headquarters must be informed in writing immediately about the status and continuation of the research project.

In case the First Applicant leaves the original Institution but continues to act as First Applicant; the terms & conditions must be newly signed by the First Applicant and the new Institution. In addition, the First Applicant must inform the ITI Headquarters about the new bank account details, to be used for payment of the remaining grant amount.

Funds already provided and transferred to the initial Institution cannot be claimed subsequently by the new Institution taking over the project. Any remaining funds reserved for the project must be transferred via settlement between the First Applicants former and new Institution. In case the ITI Headquarters is left without official status and updated terms & conditions, the ITI reserves the right to stop any further funding of the study, until all parties have found a commonly agreed settlement solution.

20. Study Initiation and Grant Revocation

The approved research project must be initiated within twelve (12) months of receiving the official acceptance communication from the ITI.

A research project is considered initiated once:

- For animal studies: all EC/IRB-approval was obtained and treatment has started.
- For clinical studies: all EC/IRB-approval was obtained and patient enrolment has started.
- For laboratory/in vitro studies: all EC/IRB-approval obtained if necessary and feasibility of experimental protocols and methods can be demonstrated.
- For computational studies: execution of the computational model, i.e., running the simulation or performing the computation.

If the study has not commenced within this period and the ITI has not received satisfactory written updates or justification for the delay, the ITI reserves the right to revoke and withdraw any committed funding without further obligation. The ITI shall bear no further financial or legal obligation toward the First Applicant and receiving Institution following such revocation.

21. Correspondence Partner

Should funding be provided, the First Applicant will be the ITI Headquarters' official and preferred correspondence partner.

22. Liability

The ITI disclaims any and all liability for damages that may arise out of or in connection with the research project, its preparation, performance, results or publication. The First applicant and the Institution shall hold the ITI fully harmless from and against all damage claims that may be raised by a third party against ITI related to the Research Grant or the related research project conducted by the First applicant and the Institution.

23. Place of Jurisdiction

The relationship between the First Applicant, the Institution and the ITI are governed by Swiss Law. All disputes out or in connection with the grant application or the grant itself are to be resolved exclusively by the ordinary courts in Basel Stadt, Switzerland.

The undersigned confirm that the ITI Research Grant Application Form was filled out in accordance with the ITI Research Grant Application Guidelines and that the information given in this application is complete, true, and accurate. By signing this document, the undersigned confirm that they have read, understood and accepted the above terms and conditions.

First Applicant

Institution Representative

First & last name

First & last name

Place

Place

Date

Date

Signature

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