**Application Form**

**BRCCH Fast Track Call (FTC) for Acute Global Health Challenges**

**Emergency Response to COVID-19**

**Part 1: General Information**

**I. Application title**

[Insert Text]

**II. Duration (max. 30 months)**

[Insert Text]

**III. Proposed start date**

[Insert Text]

**IV. Applicants**

**1. Investigator\***

**\*** Investigators and Co-Investigators are integral and essential contributors to the FTC research efforts.

Last name: [Insert Text]

First name: [Insert Text]

Function (title): [Insert Text]

Academic Institution: [Insert Text]

Level of employment (%):[Insert Text]

Gender: [Insert Text]

Correspondence address: [Insert Text]

E-mail: [Insert Text]

Telephone number: [Insert Text]

Contribution to project: [Insert Text]

**Co-Investigators (if applicable)**

**\*** Investigators and Co-Investigators are integral and essential contributors to the FTC research efforts.

Last name: [Insert Text]

First name: [Insert Text]

Function (title): [Insert Text]

Academic Institution: [Insert Text]

Level of employment (%):[Insert Text]

Gender: [Insert Text]

Correspondence address: [Insert Text]

E-mail: [Insert Text]

Telephone number: [Insert Text]

**2. Collaborator(s)\***

**\*** Collaborators are expected to provide a defined scientific contribution.

Last name: [Insert Text]

First name: [Insert Text]

Function (title): [Insert Text]

Academic institution: [Insert Text]

Date of birth: [Insert Text]

Gender: [Insert Text]

Correspondence address: [Insert Text]

E-mail: [Insert Text]

Telephone number: [Insert Text]

Contribution to project: [Insert Text]

**Further Collaborators (if applicable)\***

\*The FTC is dedicated to consortia with immediate impact. Focused consortia are therefore encouraged.

**V. Budget requested (CHF 500’000 to max. 2.5 Mio)\***

V.i. Total budget requested for the entire length of the project: [x Mio CHF]

**\*Note: Funding requests above 1.5 Million CHF will require a detailed justification of the resources requested.**

V.ii: Detailed budget:

# BRCCH will require a detailed project budget (see FTC\_detailed\_budget\_final Excel file).

# The BRCCH funding regulations correspond generally to the “[General Implementation Regulations for the Funding Regulations](http://www.snf.ch/en/funding/documents-downloads/Pages/regulations-general-implementation-regulations.aspx#ar_a_7_1)“ of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF).

* FTC funding can be used to cover PI salaries (if non-tenured and/or salary is not yet ensured for entire project period), staff salaries, consumables, fee-for-service infrastructure use, essential equipment for executing project activities, travel and further operational costs.
* The main budget must be dedicated to research activities at the four BRCCH partner institutions. If external collaborators (national or international) should be paid, the budget-share must be indicated in the detailed project budget and a research contract will need to be developed with the technology transfer offices of UniBas/ETHZ. The external collaborators can then bill their costs to the Investigator.
* If Collaborators from within the four partner institutions will be involved in the project (this is a minor role compared to Investigators), the collaborator can bill his/her costs to the Investigator’s budget (with the exception of the salary of tenured professors, group leaders, etc.).
* The FTC salary requests for eligible individuals working on the project will need to relate to full economic staff costs (i.e. salary, benefits, insurance contributions, employer’s contributions, etc.).
* BRCCH financial support cannot be used to cover indirect costs incurred at the hosting institution(s) of the applicants.
* The release of FTC funding to successful applicants is contingent on obtaining authorised access to the facilities required to conduct the proposed project, and on the (Co-) Investigators being affiliated (tenure or tenure-track) with UniBas (including hospitals and Swiss TPH) or ETHZ for the entire duration of the project.

**PART 2: Research Proposal**

1. **Research Area**

Please indicate below the area most relevant for your project (more than one research area can be indicated if needed).

Diagnostics for COVID-19

Human immune response to COVID-19

Medical Interventions & Disease Management for COVID-19

1. **Research Summary** (max. ½ page, font size 10 Arial, line spacing 1.15)

Scientific summary of your proposed research, including background, key objectives, methods, translation, its relevance and importance to the Call.

[Insert Text]

**3. Project** **Description** (max. 10 pages, font size 10 Arial, line spacing 1.15)

Description of the proposed research project (The page limit includes figure legends but excludes tables, figures and references).

The research plan needs to be structured as follows:

1. *Rationale (1 page maximum)*

*Please mention:*

* + *Previous insights and research findings that provide the foundation to this project*
  + *Where are the gaps in knowledge and why haven’t those gaps been addressed before*
  + *What other research projects / initiatives (internal or external) are currently underway that are relevant for your project*

[Insert Text]

1. *Research Aim and Design*

*Please list its overall objectives and specific aims, mention the methods to be used, and briefly discuss the expected results and their impact for the field and beyond.*

[Insert Text]

1. *Translation, impact and relevance*

*What is the translational aspect/potential of the project proposal and how can its findings be applied in the upcoming years? What are the project’s innovative and exceptional aspects that provide incomparable value for addressing health and medical challenges in the COVID-19 outbreak?*

[Insert Text]

1. **Feasibility** (max 300 words)

Description of research management and coordination between individual projects, and, where applicable, of past and present collaborations between individual project partners.

[Insert Text]

1. **Implementation and Scalability**

Description of activities to ensure the proposed research will be implemented in the clinic within a short time-frame. Description of potential for long-term scalability in high-, medium and/or low-income settings.

[Insert Text]

Please include a timetable of the project and indicate deliverables and milestones.

[Insert Text]

1. **Research requiring authorisation or notification**

Research on humans or human-derived material Yes\* / No\*

\* If “YES”, please attach official permission/plan to acquire permission

[Insert Text]

Research on human embryonic stem cells Yes\* / No\*

\* If “YES”, please attach official permission/plan to acquire permission

[Insert Text]

Research on animals Yes\* / No\*

- Species

- Permission for animal experiments: Yes\* / No\*

\* If “YES”, please attach official permission/plan to acquire permission;

- Expiry date permission animal experiments

[Insert Text]

Research with identifiable/potentially identifiable data: Yes\* / No\*

\* If “YES”, please attach permission;

[Insert Text]

1. **Data Management Plan (**Max. 200 words**)**

Please indicate your plans for data sharing and governance

[Insert Text]

1. **Conflict of Interest (**Max. 300 words**)**

Disclose any conflicts of interest. The BRCCH commits to Scientific Integrity as outlined by the [Swiss National Science Foundation](http://www.snf.ch/en/theSNSF/research-policies/scientific-integrity/Pages/default.aspx) and the [Swiss Academy of Arts and Sciences](http://www.akademien-schweiz.ch/en/index/Publikationen/Archiv/Richtlinien-Empfehlungen.html).

[Insert Text]

1. **Additional Relevant Funding (**Max. 300 words**)**

If you have applied for other funding Calls related to COVID-19 in 2020, please provide the following information: (i) project title; (ii) hosting funding body and (iii) a brief summary (4-5 sentences) of the scope of the submitted proposal. In these cases, please explain how your BRCCH research proposal will bring added-value and novelty in comparison with research applications submitted to other funding calls.

Please note: Applicants who have recently submitted research proposals on COVID-19 to other funding bodies are still eligible for the BRCCH FTC. Applications will not be excluded on the basis of submission to other funding calls.

[Insert Text]

**Part 3: Curriculum Vitae**

* Please submit a CV for each Investigator, Co-Investigator, and Collaborator.
* Please highlight in your CV any previous grants, publications and other activities (e.g. spin-offs) related to this research proposal that have been generated.

[Please append CVs and related information to the main application document as a pdf file]

**Part 5: Template for Letter of Confirmation (Mandatory for Project Approval)**

Botnar Research Centre for Child Health

University of Basel & ETH Zurich

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City, dd/mm/yyyy

**Re:** **BRCCH Principal Investigator Initiative (FTC) | Letter of confirmation by host institution**

Dear BRCCH Executive Team,

The **[institution]** confirms its adherence to the commitments listed below should a BRCCH FTC be granted to **[name of investigator, co-investigator, collaborator].**

The research institution confirms that

* Applicants have access to the institution’s infrastructure, equipment and other services as necessary for conducting research in the context of the FTC for the entire duration of the planned project;
* Adequate administrative assistance is provided (including access to Human Resources, Accounting, Research Services, etc.);
* The Applicant’s scientific independence is guaranteed;
* Clinically active collaborators will be exempt from clinical services to the extent that they receive salary contributions from BRCCH for research directly related to the project.

Kind regards,

Name   
Function (e.g. Department Head)