EPFL Instructions for Bridge “Proof of Concept” (joint programme by SNSF and CTI)

The Program at a Glance

What
BRIDGE is a joint program conducted by the SNSF and the CTI for projects at the intersection of basic research and science-based innovation. “Proof of Concept” projects support young researchers who wish to develop an application or service based on their research results (innovations of all kinds from all research areas).

Eligibility
• Bachelor or Master obtained no more than 4 years ago, or
• On course to complete doctoral studies within the next 6 months or less, or
• Working as a postdoctoral researcher (having obtained the doctorate no more than 4 years ago)
• Full-time contract

How much
Max. CHF 130'000.- per year (CHF 195'000.- for 18 months)

For what
• Salary of the applicant
• Costs directly related to the realisation of the project
  (e.g. for infrastructure, prototypes, consumables, travel and conferences)

How long
12 months, extension to max. 18 months

When to apply
Third call: 14th of June 2017

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Services
• Personal advice
• Budget template

Institutional signature
For this instrument, special EPFL documents are required prior to the submission:
• A reference letter from the advisor responsible for the applicant during the acquisition of the relevant scientific results
• If this person is not the head of the unit/lab, the Research Office will need to have in addition the support of the head of the unit/lab
• A commitment letter from the host institution, signed by the Director of Research Affairs. This letter is prepared by the Research Office provided that we receive the letter(s) mentioned above at least 10 days before the deadline.

Instructions Step by Step

Application
The criteria and general conditions that the project needs to satisfy are set out in detail in the call document.

Submission
Register your proposal on GrantsDB as soon as the proposal is submitted on bridge.mysnf.ch.

Evaluation procedure
Bridge Proof of Concept grants are awarded after a two-level selection procedure:
• Pre-selection by the Evaluation Panel
• Final selection:
The Evaluation Panel invites the applicants admitted to the second level for a personal interview in English
See the members of the Bridge Steering Committee and the detailed procedure on the Bridge website.

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