

# BRIDGE

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## BRIDGE Proof of Concept

### Confirmation of the host institute

**Introductory remarks:** BRIDGE Proof of Concept projects support young researchers who aim to develop an application or service based on their own research findings. These projects may feature any type of innovation or research field. BRIDGE Proof of Concept grants cover salary costs and costs directly related to the realisation of the project (see BRIDGE [Proof of Concept regulations](#), article 11 “eligible costs”).

To be eligible to BRIDGE Proof of Concept, applicants must fulfill the requirements defined in chapter 2 of the [regulations](#). In particular, they must have the support of a host institution providing the necessary infrastructure for the duration of the proposed project. They must provide proof that they will have the support of a host institution by submitting a commitment letter from the future host institution.

**The commitment letter from the host institute consists of a detailed** confirmation of the host institute signed by the head of the host research group **and** the head of the institute. This letter refers to the obligations which are stated in the [regulations](#), in particular Article 8, paragraph 2g.

The **commitment letter from the host institute** must follow the text template provided below and be written on paper using the official letterhead of the research institution. It **must be added to the application** and will only be regarded as complete if all the points relevant to the application are addressed.

## **Detailed confirmation of the host institute**

The **[name research institution/department]** confirms its intention towards the applicant **[name applicant]** to adhere to the obligations listed below should a BRIDGE Proof of Concept grant be awarded for the proposal entitled **[project title]**.

The host institute commits itself to engage the applicant for the duration of her/his BRIDGE Proof of Concept grant and to:

- integrate the applicant in the research institution and provide the necessary working space;
- support the applicant in the management of her/his team and provide administrative assistance to the applicant;
- provide support to the applicant and to the project throughout the duration of the project. In particular as regards access rights to infrastructure, equipment, and other services as necessary for conducting the project **[please specify]**;
- guarantee the necessary independence of the applicant, in particular as regards the:
  - realization of the project under the guidance of the applicant;
  - selection and supervision of other team members;
  - use of the budget to achieve the objectives of the project.

### **[Further comments if desired]**

The host institution recognises the applicant's academic degree.

**[Name, signature; signed by the head of the host research group and the head of the institute/department]**