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Dear members of the SNSF Research Council

The **Department of x, University of Basel** confirms its intention towards the principal investigator **[name of PI]**, to adhere to the obligations listed below should a SNSF Starting Grant be awarded for the proposal entitled **[project title]**.

For the duration of the SNSF Starting Grant, the department and university commits itself to:

• integrate and engage the PI for the whole duration of the SNSF Starting Grant;

• provide working space for the whole duration of the SNSF Starting Grant;

• support the PI in the management of her/his team and provide administrative assistance to

the PI;

• provide research support to the PI and the team members (regarding infrastructure,

equipment, access rights, products and other services necessary for conducting the research);

[please specify];

• guarantee the necessary scientific independence of the PI, in particular as regards the:

* realisation of the research under the scientific guidance of the PI;
* selection and supervision of other team members;
* use of the budget to achieve the scientific objectives of the project;
* authority to publish as senior author and to invite as co-authors only those who have contributed substantially to the reported work;
* preparation of scientific reports for the SNSF Starting Grant;
* possibility to apply independently for funding.

 **[The following points must be addressed]**

* Statement on the general interest of the university/department with regard to the PI and her/his research project/field as well as possible synergies.
* Statement on the project and its autonomy compared to other ongoing research objectives at the university/department.

[Name, signature by the head of department]