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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 an Eccellenza SNSF Professorial Fellowship be awarded for the proposal entitled **[project title]**.

The university commits itself to engage the principal investigator (PI) for the duration of her/his Eccellenza Professorial Fellowship and to:

* integrate the PI in the university and provide working space.
* support the PI in the management of her/his team and provide administrative assistance to the PI.
* provide research support to the PI and her/his team members throughout the duration of the project. In particular as regards an appropriate share of the funding of research expenses (e.g. material, equipment, personnel, travel, etc.) and access rights to infrastructures, equipment, and other services as 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.

**[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.

**[IF APPLICABLE]**

* *[In case of researchers who do clinical work]* **[name applicant]** can devote at least 50 % of the financed work-time percentage to the project and to her/his own further training and up to 50 % (on average during the entire grant period) to clinical work. The SNSF covers the share of the salary earmarked for research and teaching activities in full (100%), as well as an additional 10% of the share paid for clinical activities, at an assistant professor level. The higher education institution takes in charge the remaining salarial costs for clinical work.

• **[Further comments if desired]**

[Name, signature by the head of department]