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**Research Project “…………….…..” by …………….**

*Human Technopole Early Career Fellowship Programme*

With reference to the project proposal entitled ………..................................……… submitted for funding by Dr. …………………… (Principal Investigator PI), the Università degli Studi di Milano (hereinafter “the University”), which is the Hosting Institution, commits to host and support Dr.………………….. should the above mentioned proposal be retained for funding.

The Head of the Department of …….......... of the University, where the above mentioned research project will be performed, holds an interest in supporting Dr. ….’s application because ...................................................................................................

This research, while remaining independent, complements the other work done in the University with regards to the following aspects.......................................................................................

The University will avoid, with all necessary precautions, influencing in any way the PI’s judgement and decisions related to the performing of her/his research programme.

A progressive integration of the Principal Investigator within the academic environment and community in view of a potential career upgrade and tenure track position will be provided, compatibly with the nature of public body of the University and the legislation in force at the starting date of the project.

The University will accept an engagement of the applicant within its organisation. The University will provide the applicant with the most convenient contractual provisions to be applied based on the applicable law and jurisdiction, maintaining relevant salary records (i.e. ~ 80.000 Eur/year company cost, ~ 50.000/year Eur gross salary).

The contract types presently allowed by the national legislation for Public bodies are “Contratto di collaborazione individuale” and “Assegno di ricerca”. Different forms of contract will be considered should the national legislation have changed at the time of the awarding of the grant.

The University states that the Fellow will be covered under the social security legislation, applicable according to Title II of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004, and that provisions for annual and sickness leave, if any according to the applicable law and internal rules of the Hosting Institution are, in place.

The University agrees to ensure that the Principal Investigator will be provided with general health and safety measures and specific risk protection and prevention measures and will have adequate insurance coverage and appropriate training about the risks and all prevention measures.

The University will provide the research support to the Principal Investigator throughout the duration of the project, in particular as regards facilities, equipment, and infrastructure required to enable the applicant to carry out their research project, including both shared and dedicated lab space (*insert a brief description of sqm; bench space; general laboratory equipment such as freezers/fridges, incubators; number of cages for animal work, etc.space,*)….. …...........................................................................................................................

The University and the Department of ……. will provide to the Principal Investigator also administrative and technical support through specialized personnel.

The University will take on the administrative responsibilities involved in accepting the grant and will foster the growth and scientific independence of the Principal Investigator, including mentoring. The University will apply a 10% rate for overhead costs to the funds awarded as part of the ECF grant and dedicated to sum of direct costs calculated excluding personnel costs.

Moreover, the Principal Investigator will have complete freedom to participate in international congresses and present his/her research and will be free to publish the research results obtained during the implementation of the research project. He/she will list both the University and the Human Technopole/Early Career Fellowship Programme author affiliation on the relevant scientific outputs (e.g. publications, conference proceedings, abstracts, etc.)

The Principal Investigator will be granted the possibility (also in terms of the relevant working time) to attend meetings, retreats and other events organised by Human Technopole, and that in general collaborative endeavours between the University and Human Technopole will be encouraged.

The University takes knowledge the PI is entitled to change Host Institution during the period of the Early Career Fellowship Programme, without penalties or charges, giving an adequate notice period to the University. The PI is also obligated to enter into an agreement with the new Host Institution in such a case.

We hereby confirm that the University and Dr. ….. are in complete agreement as to all terms described in this Letter of Intent.

The University will enter an agreement with HT in order to establish responsibilities and duties of the Host institution and HT in relation to the ECF Research Project carried out by the PI at the HI.

No existing/ongoing agreement is presently occurring between the applicant and the Host Institution regarding the applicant joining the Host Institution independently of the ECF award.

The Principal Investigator

*Name*

The Head of the Department of …..

*Name*

The Rector

*Prof. Elio Franzini*