**RESEARCH PROPOSAL** (max. 2 pages)

This template for the research plan is a suggestion and it can be adapted on individual basis.

1. **Introduction, objective and research outputs**

* Short introduction (background) to the topic
* A clear specification of the main objectives of the project
* If relevant, provide information on interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary and/or intersectorial aspects of the proposal

1. **Material and research methodology**

* Outline of the material and methodology
* Describe any novel concepts, approaches or methods that will be employed

1. **Research plan and timetable**

* Outline of the main activities and their timetable
* Research collaboration/secondments (national/international)

1. **Research environment**

* Name of the hosting university
* Name of the Supervisor(s)
* Capacity of the research group to host the applicant and contribution to the applicant career development

1. **References**

**Ethical issues**

***In case any ethical issues arise in your proposal, then please describe them here (there is no restriction of number of pages).***

Ethical Issues Table: if you indicate YES to any issue, please identify the pages in the proposal where this ethical issue is described. This table must be present even if the proposal does not raise any ethical issues.

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| **ETHICAL ISSUES TABLE** | | |
| **RESEARCH ON HUMAN EMBRYO/FOETUS** | **YES** | **PAGE** |
| Does your research involve human embryos? |  |  |
| Does your research involve human foetal tissues/cells? |  |  |
| Does your research involve human embryonic stem cells (hESCs)? |  |  |
| Does your research on human embryonic stem cells involve cells in culture? |  |  |
| Does your research on human embryonic stem cells involve the derivation of cells from embryos? |  |  |
| I CONFIRM THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |  |  |
| **RESEARCH ON HUMANS** |  |  |
| Does your research involve children? |  |  |
| Does your research involve patients? |  |  |
| Does your research involve persons not able to give consent? |  |  |
| Does your research involve adult healthy volunteers? |  |  |
| Does your research involve human genetic material? |  |  |
| Does your research involve human biological samples? |  |  |
| Does your research involve human data collection? |  |  |
| I CONFIRM THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |  |  |
| **PRIVACY** |  |  |
| Does your research involve processing of genetic information or personal data (e.g. health, sexual lifestyle, ethnicity, political opinion, religious or philosophical conviction)? |  |  |
| Does your research involve tracking the location or observation of people? |  |  |
| I CONFIRM THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |  |  |
| **RESEARCH ON ANIMALS** |  |  |
| Does your research involve animals? |  |  |
| Are those animals transgenic small laboratory animals? |  |  |
| Are those animals transgenic farm animals? |  |  |
| Are those animals non-human primates? |  |  |
| Are those animals cloned farm animals? |  |  |
| I CONFIRM THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |  |  |
| **RESEARCH INVOLVING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES** |  |  |
| Does you research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants? |  |  |
| Does your research deal with endangered fauna and/or flora and/or protected areas? |  |  |
| Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to humans, including research staff? |  |  |
| I CONFIRM THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |  |  |
| **DUAL USE** |  |  |
| Does your research have the potential for military applications? |  |  |
| Does your research have the potential for malevolent/criminal/terrorist abuse? |  |  |
| I CONFIRM THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |  |  |

*Note: Mark all fields where “YES” is applicable to the project proposal and provide reference page number.*

**supervision AGREMENT**

**Name of Applicant:**

**Supervisor (Name, Position, Affiliation):**

**Title of the Research Plan:**

I am familiar and have accepted the research proposal of the candidate and recommend him/her as a student in BioMEP. Considering four years (full-time) as the expected duration of a PhD, I also confirm my commitment to supervise his/her research and trust that I will be able to finance his/her research work towards the PhD degree.

**Date Doctoral thesis supervisor’s signature**