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The present terms and conditions pertain to the evaluation process applicable to research proposals submitted to the HDH x TERA call for a binational research grant. These apply to applicants, bodies responsible for evaluating research proposals and awarding the grant, and organisation staff.

1. Context, objectives and features of the grant

The French Health Data Hub (HDH, representing the French Medical AI ecosystem) and the Technion-Rambam Initiative in Medical AI (TERA, Israel) are opening a call jointly to fund one collaborative research project in the wide field of medical AI. Details pertaining to the objectives and features of the binational research grant offered can be found in the dedicated [specifications document](#). Details pertaining to the application process can be found in the dedicated [application form](#).

2. Overview of selection process

The four (4) steps underlying the award of the HDH x TERA binational research grant are listed below :

- **Closing of applications :**

Research proposals must be submitted as per applicable instructions detailed in the application form by March 31st, 2025, 11.59 pm (CET), at the latest.

- **Eligibility review : April 2025**

This call for a binational research grant is a joint venture operated by the HDH and TERA. Upon closure of the application period, each submitted research proposal will be reviewed for eligibility against criteria listed in the specifications document. Research proposals meeting all these criteria will move on to the selection phase.

- **Selection phase : from April to early May 2025**

The selection jury will consist of a binational panel of experts with medical and engineering backgrounds.

Upon completion of the eligibility review and assuming no conflict of interest (please refer to section 3) has been identified, each member of the jury will be granted access to eligible research proposals in order to review these as per selection criteria listed in the specifications document.

Members of the jury will then convene a selection committee meeting to discuss their reviews. Each research proposal will be discussed separately. Where relevant, members in conflict of interest with the research proposal debated will withdraw themselves from the discussion and this will be acknowledged in the minutes of the meeting.

Upon discussion of all eligible research proposals, these will be ranked per merit by the jury, documenting any reservations. Minutes of the meeting will be reviewed and signed by the chairman.

- **Award of the grant : early May 2025**

Relying upon minutes from the selection committee meeting, management of both the HDH and TERA will decide eventually about the research proposal to be awarded the grant.

3. General procedure for management of conflicts of interest

Concept of conflict of interest :

The concept of conflict of interest covers the interests or activities, past or present, of a professional or family nature, of an individual in relation to the scope of the expertise entrusted to him.

A conflict of interest arises when an individual takes part in a decision that could benefit a project in which he or she, and/or close associate(s), are involved. There might also be a conflict of interest if an application comes from another team in the same laboratory or company, even if the project application does not mention any collaboration with its own team. In both cases, the person(s) concerned may not take part in the evaluation of the research proposal.

By agreeing with their role, jury members commit **to report any conflict of interest which might arise in relation to eligible research proposals**. This process is based on a self-declaration from each jury member of the conflicts that they would identify with any of the eligible research proposals received in relation to this call for a binational research grant.

4. Communication to applicants

Project owners will be informed about the status of their application by email as below :

a) Eligibility review :

- Project owners whose research proposal meets all the eligibility criteria will be informed that their application has been forwarded to the jury for review.
- Project owners whose research proposal is deemed ineligible will receive feedback about the unmet criteria.

b) Selection phase :

- All unsuccessful applicants are informed by the HDH and TERA, with the possibility of requesting specific feedback on the reason for refusal.
- Owners of the awarded research proposal are informed following the selection committee meeting, and are bound to secrecy until public announcement by the HDH and TERA.

5. Personal data

Upon submission, each project owner agrees to provide the HDH and TERA with data relating to their research proposal. Personal data is collected and processed by the HDH and TERA for the purposes of awarding the grant. Each project owner may exercise their rights (right of access, modification, rectification, deletion and opposition) relating to their personal

data, by referring to the stipulations provided by the HDH or by contacting the [HDH's Data Protection Officer](#).

6. Intellectual property rights

All names, brands or other distinctive signs mentioned in press releases or on the pages of the organisers' websites remain the exclusive property of the organisers. Reproduction and representation of all or part of the elements and content concerning the call for a binational research grant are authorised on condition that the name its organisers is quoted.

7. Organisers' commitments and guarantees

Neither the HDH nor TERA can be held responsible if, due to a case of absolute necessity or beyond its control, the selection process is modified, shortened, extended, postponed or cancelled. In all cases, the HDH and TERA reserve their right to extend the periods and postpone any announced dates.

Project owners participate in the call for the binational research grant under their own responsibility.

8. Consultation and amendments of terms and conditions

These terms and conditions will be available on the [HDH website](#).

The organisers reserve the right to make any changes to the present document at any time in the form of an amendment published on their online websites.

Any applicant refusing to accept the amendment(s) to these terms and conditions can not participate in the call for the binational research grant.

9. Applicability of terms and conditions

If one or more of the stipulations of this document were to be canceled or declared ineffective, this would not invalidate the present document as a whole or its other provisions and would not affect the performance of the commitments entered into by the parties hereunder.

10. Applicable law and jurisdiction

These rules are governed exclusively by French law. Any dispute arising in connection with the call for the binational research grant between the organisers and project owners that cannot be settled amicably will be referred to the relevant jurisdiction.