Bern Center for Precision Medicine (BCPM)

Request for Applications (second call for pilot projects, July 2019): Questions and Answers

Does a submission require a pre-existing ethical approval?
If your project requires an ethical approval, you have to provide it to the BCPM within three months after the grant award in order to receive the funds.

Are simultaneous submissions to other funding institutions (e.g. SNSF) allowed?
Yes. However, with double funding (e.g. SNSF and BCPM), the BCPM reserves the right to adjust its financing decision as the project would otherwise be over-funded.

Should budgeting be accompanied by detailed cost estimates or would a short compilation of the expected costs be sufficient?
A short compilation is enough, but we need the precise numbers and a clear distinction between funds for personnel (will be paid out via “Personalpunkte”) and funds used for other purposes (which will be paid out via fund transfer).

Will there be feedback?
No critics about project applications will be provided, except refusal or acceptance for funding.

How about external collaborators?
External collaborators working in the project are welcome, but they cannot be supported via this grant.

Are there any subsidies on lab fees such as NGS?
The grant does not allocate any subsidies to the labs – so the normal fees apply.

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