Bern Center for Precision Medicine (BCPM)

Call on Covid-19 and SARS-CoV-2: Questions and Answers

**Does a submission require a pre-existing ethical approval?**  
No. But if your project requires an ethical approval, you must provide one within three months after the project approval.

**Are simultaneous submissions to other funding institutions (e.g. SNSF/SNF) allowed?**  
Yes. But if you have submitted a Covid-19 project to another funding institution, this needs to be specified in your BCPM application.

E.g., the BCPM may fund SNF project proposals which were promising in SNF Covid-19 calls, but were finally not selected. In case of 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). The fewer personnel costs, the better.

**Will there be feedback?**  
No feedback will be provided on the project applications, other than 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?**  
The grant does not allocate any subsidies to core central facilities or labs such as genomics – so the normal fees apply.