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**Fonds National Suisse (FNS)
Careers Division – Starting Grants**

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**Detailed confirmation of the research institution**

The Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) confirms its intention towards the principal investigator (PI) Dr./Prof. **[name applicant]** to adhere to the obligations listed below should a SNSF Starting Grant be awarded for the proposal entitled **[project title]**.

For the duration of the SNSF Starting Grant, the research institution commits itself to:

* integrate and engage the PI for the whole duration of the SNSF Starting Grant;
* provide working space for the whole duration of the SNSF Starting Grant;
* support the PI in the management of her/his team and provide administrative assistance to the PI;
* provide research support to the PI and the team members (regarding infrastructure, equipment, access rights, products and other services necessary for conducting the research); **[please specify]**;
* guarantee the necessary scientific independence of the PI, in particular as regards the:
* realisation of the research under the scientific guidance of the PI;
* selection and supervision of other team members;
* use of the budget to achieve the scientific objectives of the project;
* authority to publish as senior author and to invite as co-authors only those who have contributed substantially to the reported work;
* preparation of scientific reports for the SNSF Starting Grant;
* possibility to apply independently for funding.

**[The following points MUST be addressed]**

* Statement on the general interest of the research institution with regard to the PI and her/his research project / field as well as possible synergies.
* Statement on the project and its autonomy compared to other ongoing research objectives at the higher education institution.

**[Further comments if desired]**

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| **Prof. Henrik Rønnow****Director of the Institute of Physics** |  |  |