**DZIF START-UP FUND**

**Application Form**

1. **SUMMARY – SHORT INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANTS AND PROJECT**

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| **PROJECT NAME / Acronym** | NAME |
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| **CONTACT PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPOSAL /**  **Principal Investigator (PI)** | First Name  Last Name  Email Address  Phone Number |
| **HOST INSTITUTION** | Name  Address |
| Technology Transfer Office | Name & Address |
| TTU affiliation | TTU |
| **CO-APPLICANTS** | First Name, Last Name,  Email,  Institution  … |
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| **SHORT PROJECT DESCRIPTION (goal / indication & technology / approach)** | 1. Which area / technology does your invention fall into?  * Anti-infective * Vaccine * Antibodies  1. Very brief description of your invention   what problems does your discovery/invention solve/advantages over presently known approaches/therapies |
| Stage of project (brief description) and next milestone | Data available on your invention   * in-vitro studies * Proof of concept * Prototype * Written concept * Patent application * Research paper |
| Current status of relevant IP protection | Pre-filing, pending application or granted patents |

1. **KEY ARGUMENTS FOR PROJECT APPLICATION**

*What are the unique selling points of your approach, e.g technological uniqueness, scientific rationale, strong data, available team, etc. (only 3 – 5 bullet points)*

* (add your arguments here)

1. **BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION (ABSTRACT)**

*Please provide a high-level summary of your project indicating applied technology, novelty of approach, potential application addressing which medical need, competition (on the market/in development) and indicate current project status and key upcoming milestones* **(not more than 1 page)**

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1. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION & STATUS**

Please provide sufficient details for each section. **The overall size of this section is limited to five pages.**

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| “Product / Technology Aspects” |
| **Problem to be solved**  *Please address the medical need and potential customers/beneficiaries of your technology* |
| **Solution and project goals**  *Briefly explain the novelty of the approach, differences to existing technologies and what is your anticipated use case* |
| **Project background**  *Please describe the current scientific and technological state of the art and how your project differs and/or will improve on it. Indicate your development status and highlight results supporting your claims.* |
| “IP and Market Aspects” |
| **Intellectual Property (patents, know-how)**  *Please list your own existing and pending patents relevant for this project. Outline your IP strategy and whether you already performed a freedom-to-operate analysis.* |
| **Market and competition**  *Please indicate the markets to be addressed by your project. (Discuss relevant market segments including estimated market size, pricing and market trends.)*  *What are your competitors? Please list other companies and research groups with products in development. Briefly elaborate on the advantages of your product.* |
| “Project Execution Aspects” |
| **Competence and expertise of the team and network**  *Please list your team members, their respective area of expertise and envisioned role in the project and subsequent spin-off. Indicate which team members are going to be working in the spin-off company after founding (incl. their potential roles). Describe what know-how and expertise the team is currently lacking for a successful project/spin-out.*  What do you expect from participation in DZIF Start-up Fund? |
| **Milestones and value infliction points**  *Please list and describe upcoming milestones and value infliction points (approx. 5 year horizon) towards e.g. clinical development and commercialization.* |
| **Technical and Commercial Milestones**  *What are the financial requirements for the project to achieve the above milestones and major value infliction points? Any availability or planned application for external funding?* |
| **Project risks and challenges**  *Please discuss project risks and challenges of the project and outline ways to derisk.* |

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| Additional Comments |

**Note:** We consider it normal at this early stage of a project if there are gaps in some areas. This initiative is also meant to provide support here.

Do you have any further questions? Do not hesitate to contact us via email or schedule a meeting/video conference: [startup@dzif.de](mailto:startup@dzif.de).