

Supplementary Terms and Conditions for Research Collaborations

1. Applicability of RMS's General Terms and Conditions

These Supplementary Terms and Conditions for Research Collaborations are to be read in conjunction with RMS's General Terms and Conditions. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency, the provisions of these Supplementary Terms and Conditions shall take precedence for matters specifically related to the research collaboration.

2. Project Support

- If the project will be supported with a direct payment in accordance with the acceptance letter, invoicing by the applicant shall follow the following schedule:
 - 50% of the financial support will be provided at the start of the first project phase upon receipt of signed written consent to the terms outlined in the acceptance letter and enclosed documents.
 - 40% of the financial support will be provided upon completion of 50% of the project, or as specified in the agreement based on the project's planned timeline.
 - 10% of the financial support will be provided upon submission and approval of the final report or publication.
- Overhead costs cannot be allocated from the research and project fund to universities, clinics, institutes, or similar entities.
- Additional support by RMS research staff will be provided in accordance with the acceptance letter.

3. Project Organization

- The project must be completed by the date indicated in the acceptance letter and conclude with a final report or publication manuscript.
- Responsibility for managing and overseeing project progress lies with the designated external project manager or equivalent responsible party.
- Any change in the designated project manager or applicant's institutional affiliation during the project's duration must be reported to RMS. RMS will determine whether the project will continue (e.g., by appointing a new external project manager, transferring the project to a new institution) or be terminated.
- Project documents, information, and results must not be shared with third parties or used for commercial purposes without prior consent from RMS. This condition does not apply to information or results already publicly available or considered state-of-the-art.
- Confidential project documents and/or information must be handled appropriately. Such materials may only be shared with employees within the project manager's institution who have been informed of and agreed to adhere to the relevant confidentiality obligations.

4. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

- Any protectable IPR (e.g., patent applications) arising from the project must be promptly disclosed to RMS. Ownership, inventorship, licensing terms, and other related matters will be negotiated and agreed upon prior to submission of the patent application.

5. Commercial Use

- The direct or indirect commercial use of the project's results is subject to prior written agreement with RMS. Such agreements will address commercialization terms, including intellectual property ownership, licensing rights, and profit-sharing arrangements.
- In the event of successful commercialization of the project results, RMS is entitled to reimbursement for its contributions (e.g., financial support, provision of materials, personnel hours). Specific reimbursement terms, license fees, and profit-sharing arrangements will be negotiated prior to commercialization. The reimbursement obligation will expire 10 years after the project's conclusion unless otherwise agreed.

6. Reporting Requirements

- At least every three months, or according to an agreed timeline for individual project phases, a brief written report (maximum one page) must be submitted to RMS detailing the project's activities, progress, next steps, and latest results.
- Planned publications or presentations of any kind on the project's content or results require approval from RMS. Materials must be submitted for review at least two weeks before being sent to publishers, scientific societies, or conferences.

7. Acknowledgment and Co-authorship

- Publications resulting from the project must acknowledge the support of "RMS Foundation, Bettlach, Switzerland." Relevant contributions from RMS staff must be recognized through co-authorship when appropriate.

8. Project Conclusion and Termination

- The standard conclusion of the project includes the submission of a final report, manuscript, and/or publication, in accordance with the agreed terms.
- If no reports are received for more than six months, RMS may consider the project terminated and nullify its financial and delivery obligations. RMS may also discontinue the project if no significant progress is made within one year.
- In the event of project cancellation or early termination, RMS will determine the conclusion procedures and conditions based on the project's current status and objectives.
- Following the project's termination (whether through completion, discontinuation, or cancellation), confidentiality and intellectual property agreements will remain in effect for an additional three years. Provisions regarding the commercial use of know-how will remain valid for 10 years after the confirmed project termination date.