**PROPOSAL - INSTRUCTIONS**

**Research Fellowship Program for Women in Science**

**National Center of Competence in Research for Bio-Inspired Materials**

**BEFORE WRITING THE PROPOSAL, PLEASE CONTACT THE HOST PROFESSOR TO MAKE SURE YOUR RESEARCH INTERESTS ARE ALIGNED**

The proposal must be written in English and not exceed 5 pages (excluding this page but including the project summary page and all figures). References do not count towards the 5-page limit and can be provided as an annex.

The proposal must contain the sections 1-6 listed below. Please follow the instructions of this page to elaborate the content for each of these sections.

The format of the pages is A4 (210 mm x 297 mm). Margins must not be changed (Top = 2.7 cm; Bottom, Left and Right = 2 cm). The font type is Arial, 10 pt. The line spacing is 1.5 except for the summary, which is single spacing.

**1. SUMMARY**

The summary must fit in the space provided in the next page. Your summary should not contain any references or footnotes. Explain briefly the context and key objectives of your project, and the expected impact of the proposed research.

**2. RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND STATE OF THE ART**

Cleary explain the motivation of your project, the scientific or technological question you are addressing. Briefly describe the current state of the art and if applicable your preliminary work.

**3. OBJECTIVES AND IMPACT**

Discuss the project’s goals, contribution to existing knowledge and impact in the related field or fields.

**4. RESEARCH PLAN**

Elaborate on the research plan, including experimental approach, methods/characterization, project timeline and milestones. If needed, divide it in work-packages. Important: The proposed research should be feasible in the 2 years period of the fellowship.

**5. INTEGRATION IN THE NCCR GROUP AND IN THE NCCR AS A WHOLE**

Discuss the reason for selecting the chosen NCCR research group. Why will you and the project be well integrated in that group? How does your project contribute to the research objectives of the group AND of the NCCR as a whole? If applicable, you may mention possible collaborations with other groups in the NCCR.

**6. REFERENCES**

Do not count towards the 5-page limit and can be provided as an annex. No preferred format.

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| Applicant name |  |
| Registration ID\* |  |

\*Will be completed by NCCR Office

**1. PROJECT SUMMARY**

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| Project title | (max. 2 lines) |
| Disciplines | (max. 2 lines) |
| Host Group |  |
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