Project application

for an interdisciplinary doctoral project

<Project title>

<Short title>

A project application in the area: <Classification in one of the thematic areas belonging to the research agenda of the German Research Platform for Zoonoses >

<Applicant’s name and institution>

<Date>



**Funding requested[[1]](#footnote-1)**

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| Staff expenses [€ incl. all incidental costs] | <XX.XXX,XX> |
| Travel expenses [€ incl. all incidental costs] | <XX.XXX,XX> |
| Networking activities [€ incl. all incidental costs] | <XX.XXX,XX> |
| Equipment [€ incl. all incidental costs] | <XX.XXX,XX> |
| **TOTAL [€ incl**. **all incidental costs]** | **<XX.XXX,XX>** |

**If applicable, information on proportion of applicant’s own funds or additional grants requested from other institutions**

**Duration of project[[2]](#footnote-2)**

Total duration planned for all work packages (in months): *max. 36*

**Applicant**

<Name, address, e-mail, telephone and institution>

**Additional comments**

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Place, date

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# 1. Summary (max. 1 page)

Short summary of the sections that follow, with references (section number or page number) to important passages, tables or figures.

**2. Presentation of topic/background**

Topic of the doctoral project; rationale for the research question, background, state of the art, compliance with the statutory purposes of the German Research Platform for Zoonoses, links to completed or ongoing projects of the German Research Platform for Zoonoses, demarcation (if applicable) from already existing funding. In particular, presentation of the project’s interdisciplinarity with relevance for zoonosis research. Embedding of the project in the research agenda of the Platform for Zoonoses (<http://www.zoonosen.net/Zoonosenforschung/Forschungsagenda.aspx>).

# 3. Project plan

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## 3.1 Procedure and methodology

Description of the work planned, structured if appropriate according to work packages, and in terms of content and persons carrying out the work.

## 3.2 Interdisciplinarity

List of the disciplines involved in the planned project; breakdown of responsibilities for the individual parts of the work according to the disciplines involved; presentation of the planned coordination of the disciplines involved in realizing the project; concrete information on planned stays of the doctoral student in the cooperating laboratory/working group

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## 3.3 Applicants and project partners

Details of the institutions, working groups and persons carrying out the project; name, institution, member of the German Research Platform for Zoonoses, address, role in a BMBF-funded zoonoses network or BMEL-funded zoonoses project (e.g. coordinator, project leader); details of cooperation with other members of the German Research Platform for Zoonoses.

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## 3.4 Previous experience and qualifications of project partners

Presentation of the preliminary work or previous experience and expertise of the applicants and persons involved in the proposed topic, with up to five relevant publications.

## 3.5 Schedule

Information on schedule (no specific dates); where work packages overlap in time, Gantt chart can be used if appropriate.

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## 3.6 Supervision concept

Detailed description of the supervision concept with mention of the points presented:

- Integration of the doctoral candidate into a doctoral structure (e.g. Graduate Academy, Graduate School, Research Training Group, internal institute doctoral agreement, supervision agreement, etc.)

- Chair through which the doctorate is to be registered (type of title: e.g. Dr. rer. nat., Dr. vet. Med.)

- Supervisor\* and doctoral supervisor/mother

- concrete information on the doctoral candidate's planned stay in the cooperating laboratory/working group (including contact persons there)

- planned support meetings (incl. concrete time schedule)

- possible further training courses

- Soft Skill Training

- planned congress visits

- Conflict management / contact person in case of conflict

## 3.8 Resources and cost plan

Resources required (working days for each person, external service providers/referees, acquisitions, travel costs), broken down according to work packages if appropriate. Cost calculation on a gross basis (incl. possible VAT, employer contributions, special payments), differentiated at least according to staff, travel and equipment costs.

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## 3.9 Project control

How will adherence to schedule and cost plan be ensured? How will interdisciplinary cooperation be coordinated (e.g. regular meetings, written agreements on responsibilities)?

## 3.10 Ethical considerations

Assessment of possible risks of misuse in relation to anticipated project results (“dual use”). Presentation of possible ethical approvals, animal welfare concerns, and genetic engineering requirements relevant for conducting the project.

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# 4. Target groups and added value

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## 4.1 Added value of project for interdisciplinary research on zoonoses

To whom are the project results addressed (potential users, participants), how will the project results be made accessible to the target groups, and what added value do they bring? In particular, it should be shown that cooperation between scientists working with zoonoses will be significantly improved. Publication of the results alone does not provide sufficient added value to justify funding under the umbrella of the German Research Platform for Zoonoses.

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## 4.2 Reasons for conducting a project under the umbrella of the German Research Platform for Zoonoses

Presentation of the rationale behind cooperating with the German Research Platform for Zoonoses, and the modality of that cooperation. Detailed explanation of how cooperation between the applicants and cooperation partners is planned. What are the advantages of such cooperation?

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# 5. International aspects

International standards: explanation of the extent to which the project proposed observes European or international standards.

International working groups: where relevant, presentation of international experience or previous work in this field. If appropriate, explanation of how the project is coupled with international working groups.

# 6. Aspects of use

Where opportunities exist to use and disseminate the results outside the German Research Platform for Zoonoses, these should be identified and taken into account in the project planning.

# 7. Literature

1. Combined according to the four categories given; the detailed calculation is to be presented in the project application; please take into account **all** incidental coststhat may be incurred (incl. VAT, employer contributions and other incidental costs). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. From the commencement of the actual project to the submission of the end products (i.e. excluding formalities such as application procedure, preparation of contract, and administrative procedures at the end of the project); detailed schedule to be provided in the project application. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)