ALZHEIMER FORSCHUNG INITIATIVE e.V.
2024 GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

<u>LOI Deadline:</u> 1 February 2024 at 13:00 CET
<u>FP Deadline:</u> 19 June 2024 at 13:00 CET
(subject to change)

Read these instructions completely and carefully. Applications that are incomplete or that are submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed. Use English unless stated otherwise and avoid jargon or unusual abbreviations. For the completion of the application, please also consult the Funding Guidelines of Alzheimer Forschung Initiative e.V. (AFI).

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<u>General Information</u>

- Many of our application form fields have a character limit counter to give you an idea of how many characters you have left for this field. **Please note that special characters such as é or à count as 2 characters**, which could lead to a discrepancy between texts if you have prepared your application elsewhere in advance. We are unable to change this, apologies for the inconvenience.

- **Once the application to AFI has been completely filled in and submitted, you are no longer able to correct or edit your application. If the applicant only saves the application but does not submit it yet, they can return and edit the application until the deadline.**

- Within 3 weeks after the deadline, applicants will receive an email from the EGM to confirm the receipt of the application and the eligibility of the application for the call. The Letter of Intent (LOI) will then be reviewed by 3 members of the European Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of AFI, AN, and FVA, the Full Proposal (FP) by 3 SAB members plus an external reviewer.

- If any questions arise regarding the grant management system or our grants, please contact the EGM Mr. Coen van Deursen at grants@alzheimer-research.eu.

Definition list

- **Principal Investigator (PI):** responsible for the project and the submission. Should be involved in the project at least 30% of their time. Each project only has 1 PI.
  - **Collaborative-PI (co-PI):** Only applies to Cross Border Grants, the co-PI is the main collaborator. They also spend at least 30% of their time on the project, and the PI of the project is the main applicant.

- **Collaborator:** involved in the project and/or its submission/design. Spends at least 5% of their time on the project.

- **Advisor/consultant:** provides help or advice to the PI or collaborators which will likely help bring the project to a success, but their time and effort for the project are limited (<5% of their time spent on the project). Should only be mentioned in the "Embedding" section, 4.2).

- **Key Personnel:** all involved personnel members who contribute to the design, execution, and success of the project, with at least 5% of their time. These people should be mentioned in the 'Personnel Section' of the application.

- **Letter of Intent (LOI):** a brief summary of the proposal for which the applicant is requesting funding, containing a concise description of the project, the budget and other details, as well as the people involved. The LOI will be assessed and the applicants of the best LOIs will be invited to submit a Full Proposal later this year.

- **Full Proposal (FP):** a more extensive description of the project for which funding is requested, including for instance a more detailed budget. This is the second and final stage of the grant cycle. The best FPs will be funded according to the financial possibilities of the organizations.

- **Cross Border Grant (CBG):** A CBG is a collaborative project two research groups who are not in the same country. Depending on the country, the PI or co-PI will be funded by AFI, AN, BFF, or FVA.

<u>Letter of Intent Application Instructions:</u>

1. Principal Investigator

<u>1.1 Application Info</u>

- Displays general information about your application including the Project ID.

<u>1.2 Principal Investigator</u>

- Provide the PI's full name, complete email address, phone number, and the highest earned academic or professional degrees including the year it was obtained in.
    - If the PI has more than one title, give the one most relevant to the proposed project.

- Next, state the PI's current position title and if you are the PI yourself or if you are filling in this application on the PI's behalf. If you are filling in the application on behalf of the PI, please make sure that you are logged in with an account with the PI's name and email address.

NOTE: No PI may receive more than one AFI grant (including Cross Border Grants) at the same time. List only one Principal Investigator.

<u>1.3 Institution Information</u>

- Provide the name of the PI's organization, the department, and the country in which it is located. Please consider the Funding Guidelines to evaluate the suitability of the institution to receive funding.

<u>1.4 Institution Address</u>

- Provide a complete mailing address for the PI's previously mentioned institution.

2. Project Details

<u>2.1 Project Title</u>

- Choose a project title that is descriptive and specifically appropriate. The title should not duplicate the title of any other project by the PI. *Do not exceed 80 characters including spaces.*

<u>2.2 Project Period</u>

- Enter the start and end dates for the entire proposed project period. Please notice the allowed project period in the guidelines that need to be respected
    - For applications submitted to AFI in 2024, the project should start between 1 January 2025 and 1 July 2025 The duration is dependent on the grant type, please refer to the AFI Funding Guidelines for specific details.

2.3 Budget

- Specify the total amount requested for the project. Please respect the maximum allowed budgets listed in the AFI Funding Guidelines.

3. Summary Of Proposed Research

The following sections will create a concise and accurate description of the proposed work and will form the basis for the 1st tier review. Each paragraph should present new information, please do not duplicate the same information in the different sections. *In addition, please adhere to the character limits set at each question, including spaces.*

NOTE: Because the proposed research in the LOI is reviewed and determines whether an applicant is allowed to submit a FP, it is not allowed to make large or significant changes in the general scope of the project between the LOI and FP phases, if the applicant continues to this phase.

3.1 Scientific Background and General Objective

- State the scientific background, the rationale, and general objectives of the project. What question will be addressed and why is this question raised? *Do not exceed 1000 characters including spaces.*

3.2 Specific Aims

- List the specific aims of the project that will help in answering the general objective described in section 3.1. In order to save the information you fill in and create a new field for the next aim of the project, please click the 'Click to SAVE entry' button before continuing. *Do not exceed 300 characters including spaces per aim of the project.*

3.3 Methods

- How will this be approached? Describe the main tools, cohort, animal model, preparation or methods that are essential for answering your questions. Indicate whether they
    - are available (if so, mention supporting references)
    - will be developed (if so, how)
    - are/will be incorporated through collaborations
    - are obtained commercially

  Do not exceed 1000 characters including spaces.

- If applicable, state the number of animals/patients included in your study and support this number by a power calculation.

3.4 Expected Results

- In terms of advancing understanding of dementia aetiology, diagnosis, prevention, or therapy: "why should your research be funded?". *Do not exceed 500 characters including spaces.*

3.5 Use of Requested Budget

- What will the requested budget be used for? Are there any financial means already available for the project? If so, what do they cover? *Do not exceed 500 characters including spaces.*

3.6 Figures

- Only one figure can be uploaded in the LOI stage. A multipart figure submitted as a single image file is allowed. Make sure that the figure is in PNG, JP(E)G, TIF or PDF format, its size is no larger than 6 MB, and that no special characters (such as '&' or '%') are present in the document name. The title and legend should be written in the next question.

3.7 Figures Legend/Explanation

- Provide a legend or explanation for your submitted figure. *Do not exceed 1000 characters including spaces.*

3.8 Bibliographical References

- Give the most relevant references for the proposed project. Please make sure to use a concise referencing style, preferably Vancouver. **Do not solely use DOI codes**. *You are given unlimited characters for this question so proper references are possible, but you are strongly requested to focus on the most relevant publications.*

4. PI Personnel Section

4.1 Personal Details

- Please check if the PI's personal details are filled in correctly from the first tab 'Principal Investigator'. If not, please make sure to change these on the first tab.

- Please indicate the PI's expertise in the AD/ADRD field according to the CADRO classification (solely categories A-B-C) by selecting a maximum of 10 most relevant CADRO terms. Please provide a detailed subclassification within the categories as well.

4.2 Embedding

- Indicate how your project is embedded in your network, research group, or your access to the necessary facilities. Are there any facilities, machines, collaborators, advisors or consultants (see definition list) involved which will benefit the chance of success of your project? *Do not exceed 500 characters including spaces.*

NOTE: advisors or consultants of the project should be listed in this section, not in the 'Other Personnel' section.

4.3 Publications

- List a maximum of 5 publications **of which the PI is an author** and which are relevant to this proposal. **Add a concise argumentation why this publication is relevant to the project** (e.g., "In this publication the method for the isolation of biomarkers is

described.". Please make sure to use a concise referencing style, preferably Vancouver. **Do not solely use DOI codes**. *Do not exceed 3999 characters including spaces.*

<u>4.4 Employment, Experience, and Received Grants or Rewards</u>

- Please provide relevant information about your employment and professional experience, in chronological order. If you have previously received grants or awards that might be relevant to this project, please state them here as well. *Do not exceed 1000 characters including spaces.*

<u>4.5 Education</u>

- Provide the relevant education and training of the PI. Start with the initial professional education and include postdoctoral training if applicable. *Do not exceed 1000 characters including spaces.*

<u>4.6 Other people working on the project</u>

- Please select whether there are other people (Key Personnel, see definition list) involved in the project for more than 5% of their time. This will enable the next section/tab 'Other Personnel' in which the information of this section can be filled in for these personnel members.

5. Other Personnel

- This section is only enabled when the answer to question 4.6 is set to 'yes'. This will initially create 1 extra personnel member, more can be added by clicking on the green 'Add Personnel (Min: 1, Max: 10)' at the bottom of the form.

- Similar to the previous section, please state the personal details, publications, employment, experience, and received Grants or Awards, and education for each extra person involved in the project for at least 5% of their time.

- It is important to note the role that this person will fulfil in the project (collaborator, postdoc, PhD student, technician etc.). If the person's role is not in the dropdown menu, please select other and state the correct role. After selecting the person's role, a new field will pop up in which you can briefly describe their role in the project.

- If a person has not yet been hired or it is not yet known who will perform certain aspects of the project, please mention that this person will be recruited. Describe either here or in the project summary who will be recruited, what their role and profile would be.

6. Other Support and Keywords

<u>6.1 Other Support Principal Investigator</u>

- For the PI, list in three separate groups:
  - all currently active support;
  - all applications and proposals pending review or funding;
  - applications and proposals planned or being prepared for submission.

- Include all federal, non-federal, and institutional research, training, and other grant, contract, or fellowship support at the applicant organization and elsewhere. If part of a larger project, identify the PI and provide data for both the main and sub projects.

- For each item, give:
  - the source of the support, identifying number, and title;
  - percentage of appointment on the project;
  - dates of entire project period;
  - annual direct costs;
  - a brief description of the project;
  - whether the support overlaps, duplicates, or is being replaced or supplemented by the present application; delineate and justify the nature and extent of any scientific and/or budgetary overlaps; and
  - any modifications that will be made should the present application be funded.

  Do not exceed 3999 characters including spaces.

6.2 Other Support Key Personnel

- For each of the named key personnel in the 'Other Personnel' section, list in three separate groups:
  - all currently active support;
  - all applications and proposals pending review or funding;
  - applications and proposals planned or being prepared for submission.

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  Do not exceed 3999 characters including spaces.

6.3 Funding Overlap

- State if the requested grant overlaps with any current or pending research funded by other granting organizations. If that is indeed the case, please indicate the overlapping grant(s) with initiation and termination dates, as well as specific areas of overlap. *Please do not exceed 2000 characters including spaces.*

6.4 Previous funding from AFI, AN, or FVA

- Select whether you have previously received funding by AFI, AN or FVA. If yes, provide the grant title, years and amount of all grants received from AFI, AN or FVA in section

6.5. In order to save the information you fill in, please click the 'Click to SAVE entry' button before continuing.

6.6 Human Subjects and Models of AD/ADRD

- Please choose what subjects or which relevant model will be used in this study. If the correct model is not mentioned, please select "other" and specify what model will be used.

6.7 Project Keywords

- Select a minimum of 2 and maximum of 10 relevant project CADRO classification keywords that apply best to your project (solely categories A-B-C). Please provide a detailed subclassification within the categories, the main Categories A, B or C do not count towards the minimum of 2 and maximum of 10. These keywords are crucial in matching the right reviewers to the right applications

7. Declarations

7.1 Declarations

- Confirm that you are declare that your budget, project duration, and the rest of your application are in accordance with our funding guidelines.

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- On the following screen, click the green 'Yes, finish entire form now! >>' button.
- After doing so, you will have to generate the PDF of your application by clicking the green 'Generate Letter of Intent PDF for downloading' button under 'To Do' on the right of your screen.
- Once that is done, you can finish the submission of your application by clicking the green 'Submit for eligibility check' under 'Next Steps' on the bottom right of your screen.

<u>Full Proposal Application Instructions</u>

NOTE: Information completed in the LOI will (partially) be copied into the FP for the convenience of the applicant. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify the information and correct it where necessary.

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1. **Principal Investigator**

<u>1.1 Application Info</u>

- Displays general information about your application including the Project ID.

<u>1.2 Principal Investigator</u>

- Provide the PI's full name, complete email address, phone number, and the highest earned academic or professional degrees including the year it was obtained in.
  - If the PI has more than one title, give the one most relevant to the proposed project.

- Next, state the PI's current position title and if you are the PI yourself or if you are filling in this application on the PI's behalf. If you are filling in the application on behalf of the PI, please make sure that you are logged in with an account with the PI's name and email address.

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<u>1.3 Institution Information</u>

- Provide the name of the PI's organization, the department, and the country in which it is located. Please consider the Funding Guidelines to evaluate the suitability of the institution to receive funding.

<u>1.4 Institution Address</u>

- Provide a complete mailing address for the PI's previously mentioned institution.

2. **Project Details**

<u>2.1 Project Title</u>

- Choose a project title that is descriptive and specifically appropriate. The title should not duplicate the title of any other project by the PI. *Do not exceed 80 characters including spaces.*

2.2 Project Duration

- Select the correct project period from the dropdown menu. Always round up, a project for which you expect the duration to be 13 months should be seen as a 2-year project.

2.3 Project Period

- Enter the start and end dates for the entire proposed project period. Please notice the allowed project period in the guidelines that need to be respected
  - For applications submitted to AFI in 2024, the project should start between 1 January 2025 and 1 July 2025. The duration is dependent on the grant type, please refer to the AFI Funding Guidelines for specific details.

2.4 Budget

- Specify the total amount requested for the project. Please respect the maximum allowed budgets listed in the AFI Funding Guidelines.

2.5 Project Summary

- Provide a concise summary for your project, describing your entire project (objectives, hypotheses, specific aims, experimental design, and methods. This summary should be an accurate description of the proposed project when separated from it. *Do not exceed 1000 characters including spaces.*

2.6 Project Summary in non-technical Terms

- Please provide a German description of the scientific project in terminology **understandable by the lay public**. Include introduction, hypothesis, specific aims, and long-term goals. Explain the subject of your research, which methods you use and why your research is important for Alzheimer's Disease or related dementias. Please use between 1500 and 2000 characters including spaces. In the event that AFI agrees to fund the project, the non-technical description may be used by AFI for writing press releases, public education, fundraising materials, and published on the website. Therefore, do not include proprietary or confidential information that is not to be publicly disclosed.

3. Research Plan

The following sections will create a concise and accurate description of the proposed work and will form the basis for the 2nd tier review. Each paragraph should present new information, please do not duplicate the same information in the different sections. *In addition, please adhere to the character limits set at each question, including spaces.*

NOTE: Because the proposed research in the LOI is reviewed and determines whether an applicant is allowed to submit a FP, it is not allowed to make large or significant changes in the general scope of the project between the LOI and Full Proposal phases, if the applicant continues to this phase.

3.1 Specific Aims

- List the specific aims of the project that will help in answering its general objective. In order to save the information you fill in and create a new field for the next aim of the project, please click the 'Click to SAVE entry' button before continuing. *Do not exceed 300 characters including spaces per aim of the project.*

3.2 Relevance of Proposed Research to AD/ADRD

- State what the expected results of your project are and how the proposed research is relevant to determining the cause of or to developing a treatment for Alzheimer's Disease or related dementias. *Do not exceed 3000 characters including spaces.*

3.3 Background and Significance of the Project to AD/ADRD Research

- Briefly summarize the background to the present proposal, critically evaluate existing knowledge, and specifically identify the gaps which the project is intended to fill. State concisely the importance of the proposed research by relating the specific aims to the objectives. *Do not exceed 6000 (2x3000) characters including spaces, divided between the 2 answer boxes.*

3.4 Preliminary Results / Progress Report / Revisions

- Use this section to provide an account of the PI's preliminary studies (if any) pertinent to the application and/or any other information that will help to establish the experience and competence of the investigator to pursue the proposed project. If your project is the continuation of a previously supported project, please summarize the results of this previous project here and discuss why a continuation is necessary. *Do not exceed 3000 characters including spaces.*

3.5 Experimental Design and Methods

- Outline the experimental design and the procedures to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project. Include the means by which the data will be collected, analysed, and interpreted. Describe any new methodology and its advantage over existing methodologies. Discuss the potential difficulties and limitations of the proposed procedures and alternative approaches to achieve the aims. Provide a tentative sequence or timetable for the investigation. Activities involving human/vertebrate animals should be explained in this section in a way that allows proper evaluation (please also refer to sections 4.2 and 4.3). *Do not exceed 6000 (2x3000) characters including spaces, divided between the 2 answer boxes.*

3.6 Figures

- Up to 3 figures can be uploaded in the FP stage. A multipart figure submitted as a single image file is allowed. Make sure that each figure is in JPG, PDF, PNG or TIF format, its maximum size is 6 MB, and that no special characters (such as '&' or '%') are present in the document name. The legend should be written in the next question.

3.7 Figures Legend / Explanation

- Provide a legend or explanation for your submitted figures. *Do not exceed 2000 characters including spaces.*

3.8 Literature Cited

- Give the most relevant references for the proposed project. Please make sure to use a concise referencing style, preferably Vancouver. **Do not solely use DOI codes**. *You are given unlimited characters for this question so proper references are possible, but you are strongly requested to focus on the most relevant publications.*

4. Human Subjects and Laboratory Animals

4.1 Statement regarding Proprietary Interest

- State any proprietary interest or other actual or potential conflict of interest in the proposed research on the part of the PI, other key personnel, collaborators or consultants. *Do not exceed 750 characters including spaces.* If none, state 'no'.

4.2 Human Subjects

- Please state whether your research includes human subjects/patients. If this is the case, please describe how they are included in your research. *Do not exceed 750 characters including spaces.* Also state if you have already obtained approval of the relevant Ethical Committee and provide details for this. *Do not exceed 400 characters including spaces for the details of this approval.*

4.3 Laboratory Animals

- Please state whether your project includes experiments with laboratory animals. If this is the case, please state which species and describe how they are included in your research. *Do not exceed 500 characters including spaces.* Also state if you have already obtained approval of the relevant Ethical Committee and provide details for this. *Do not exceed 400 characters including spaces for the details of this approval.*

4.4 Biohazards

- Indicate whether the proposed research involves (bio)hazardous material or procedures. If so, please describe concisely. *Do not exceed 500 characters including spaces.*

5. PI Personnel Section

5.1 Personal Details

- Please check if the PI's personal details are filled in correctly from the first tab 'Principal Investigator'. If not, please make sure to change these on the first tab.

- Please indicate the PI's expertise in the AD/ADRD field according to the [CADRO](#) classification (solely categories A-B-C) by selecting a maximum of 10 most relevant CADRO terms. Please provide a detailed subclassification within the categories as well.

5.2 Time on Project

- Indicate the estimated time investment of the personnel member in the proposed

project. Please note that it's expected that the PI invests at least 30% of their time in the projects funded by AFI.

5.3 Embedding

- Indicate how your project is embedded in your network, research group, or your access to the necessary facilities. Are there any facilities, machines, collaborators, advisors or consultants (see definition list) involved which will benefit the chance of success of your project? *Do not exceed 500 characters including spaces.*

NOTE: advisors or consultants of the project should be listed in this section, not in the 'Other Personnel' section.

5.4 Publications

- List a maximum of 5 publications **of which the PI is an author** and which are relevant to this proposal. **Add a concise argumentation why this publication is relevant to the project** (e.g., "In this publication the method for the isolation of biomarkers is described.". Please make sure to use a concise referencing style, preferably Vancouver. **Do not solely use DOI codes**. *Do not exceed 3999 characters including spaces.*

5.5 Employment, Experience, and Received Grants or Rewards

- Please provide relevant information about your employment and professional experience, in chronological order. If you have previously received grants or awards that might be relevant to this project, please state them here as well. *Do not exceed 1000 characters including spaces.*

5.6 Education

- Provide the relevant education and training of the PI. Start with the initial professional education and include postdoctoral training if applicable. *Do not exceed 1000 characters including spaces.*

5.7 Other people working on the project

- Please select whether there are other people (Key Personnel, see definition list) involved in the project for more than 5% of their time. This will enable the next section/tab 'Other Personnel' in which the information of this section can be filled in for these personnel members.

6. **Other Personnel**

- This section is only enabled when the answer to question 5.7 is set to 'yes'. This will initially create 1 extra personnel member, more can be added by clicking on the green 'Add Personnel (Min: 1, Max: 10)' at the bottom of the form.

- Similar to the previous section, please state the personal details, time on the project (minimum of 5%, see 'Key Personnel' in the definition list), publications, employment, experience, and received Grants or Awards, and education for each extra person involved in the project for at least 5% of their time.

- It is important to note the role that this person will fulfil in the project (collaborator, postdoc, PhD student, technician etc.). If the person's role is not in the dropdown menu, please select other and state the correct role. After selecting the person's role, a new field will pop up in which you can briefly describe their role in the project.

- If a person has not yet been hired or it is not yet known who will perform certain aspects of the project, please mention that this person will be recruited. Describe either here or in the project summary who will be recruited, what their role and profile would be.

7. PI Detailed Budget

7.1 PI Budget Justification

- Provide a detailed description of the use of the requested budget and how this budget adequately supports the project described. Please also mention if there are already funds available for this project and if so, how much. Note that the budget's distribution over the project period can differ between grant types, see the AFI Funding Guidelines for more information. Please verify that the use of funds is in accordance with the rules stated in the AFI Funding Guidelines. *Do not exceed 1500 characters including spaces.*

7.2 and further Yearly Budgets

- Give a detailed breakdown of the requested budget per year and per budget category (personnel, contractual services, equipment, supplies, travel, other (and then specify)). You can add a new line or category by clicking the green 'Add' button. The yearly total is calculated automatically as well as the project total, **please make sure this matches the total amount requested in questions 2.4 and 7.1**.

8. Other Support and Keywords

8.1 Other Support Principal Investigator

- For the PI, list in three separate groups:
    - all currently active support;
    - all applications and proposals pending review or funding;
    - applications and proposals planned or being prepared for submission.
- Include all federal, non-federal, and institutional research, training, and other grant, contract, or fellowship support at the applicant organization and elsewhere. If part of a larger project, identify the PI and provide data for both the main and sub projects.

- For each item, give:
    - the source of the support, identifying number, and title;
    - percentage of appointment on the project;
    - dates of entire project period;
    - annual direct costs;
    - a brief description of the project;
    - whether the support overlaps, duplicates, or is being replaced or supplemented by the present application; delineate and justify the nature and extent of any scientific and/or budgetary overlaps; and
    - any modifications that will be made should the present application be funded.

Do not exceed 3999 characters including spaces.

8.2 Other Support Key Personnel

- For each of the named key personnel in the 'Other Personnel' section, list in three separate groups:
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8.4 This question can be ignored for AFI grant applications.

8.5 Previous funding from AFI, AN, or FVA

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8.7 Human Subjects and Models of AD/ADRD

- Please choose what subjects or which relevant model will be used in this study. If the correct model is not mentioned, please select "other" and specify the correct one.

8.8 Project Keywords

- Select a minimum of 2 and maximum of 10 relevant project CADRO classification keywords that apply best to your project (solely categories A-B-C). Please provide a detailed subclassification within the categories, the main Categories A, B or C do not

count towards the minimum of 2 and maximum of 10. These keywords are crucial in matching the right reviewers to the right applications.

9. External Reviewers

- Please include a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 10 potential external reviewers, which will be contacted to help assess the application. You can add additional external reviewers by clicking the green 'Add External Reviewer (Min: 3, Max: 10)' button at the bottom of the section.

  External reviewers must be experts in the research areas described in the grant application (choose the specific areas of expertise in the [CADRO](#) keywords). **No external reviewers can be proposed that have had co-publications or collaborations with the PI or key personnel in the past 5 years or have other forms of conflicts of interest.** Large consortia articles, GWAS studies, definition papers, and other co-publications with a large number of authors that do not interact in any way are allowed, as long as the PI/key personnel member and the external reviewer are not first or last author. Researchers working in Germany are allowed, as long as there is no conflict of interest with them**. Please note that if these rules are not applied and a reviewer with a conflict of interest is proposed, this will automatically lead to a rejection of the application that will not be reviewed**.

- You are also allowed to exclude a maximum of 3 external reviewers from reviewing your grant application. Fill in their information in a similar fashion, but select 'exclude' from the dropdown menu instead.

10. Declarations

10.1 Declarations

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