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PREAMBLE

With the aim of fostering research into the healthy human being, in its physical and spiritual dimensions, particularly on topics still largely unexplored but susceptible to profound and rigorous scientific analysis, Bial Foundation has established a programme of Grants for Scientific Research (hereinafter referred to as “Grants”), which is the subject of this Regulation.

CHAPTER I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. – Scope

This Regulation sets forth the rules, terms, and conditions applicable to the award of Grants by Bial Foundation in the fields of Psychophysiology and Parapsychology.

Article 2. – Purpose

The Grants foreseen in this Regulation are intended to financially support scientific research activities in the fields of Psychophysiology and Parapsychology, with the aim of promoting an in-depth study of less explored aspects of the healthy human being, in its physical and spiritual dimensions, under the terms and conditions set out in this Regulation and in the Research Funding Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”), as per the model attached to this Regulation as Annex I, which forms an integral part of it.

Article 3. – Addressees

1. The Grants are intended for all scientific researchers, individually or as a team, except for those working for Bial Foundation and any of the companies belonging to Bial Group, in Portugal or in other countries.
2. Citizens of any country who meet the conditions set forth in this Regulation may apply for the Grants.
3. The Principal Investigator, considered the Grant Holder under the terms defined in Article 7, shall be responsible for coordinating the Research Project and shall act as the interlocutor with Bial Foundation, representing the project and the other team members (where applicable), particularly by providing all requested information, submitting the reports, and signing the necessary documentation in accordance with and for the purposes set out in this Regulation and the Agreement.
4. The Principal Investigator and the co-Principal Investigator (if applicable) who have ongoing Research Project(s) supported by Bial Foundation, either under Grants or the Maria de Sousa Award, may also apply for the current edition of the Grants; however, they shall only benefit from new Grants after the successful completion of those ongoing Research Project(s). In any case, the deadline set forth in Article 6(2) of this Regulation must be observed.

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Article 4. – Objectives of the Research Project

1. The objectives to be achieved within the scope of the Research Project are those defined in the submitted application, namely in the “Specific Aims” section.
2. These objectives are essential for the assessment of the application, as well as for the monitoring and follow-up of the Research Project, in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.
3. Any need to change the initially proposed objectives must be communicated in advance to Bial Foundation, accompanied by a technical and scientific justification, and shall be subject to formal approval.

Article 5. – Amount of the Grants

Approved applications shall benefit from Grants in an amount to be determined by Bial Foundation at its sole discretion, within the limit set out in the call of the respective edition.

Article 6. – Duration and Commencement of the Grants

1. The Grants foreseen in this Regulation have a maximum duration of three (3) years, with no minimum duration defined. The execution period of the Research Project may be extended under the terms of Articles 13 and 14. Such extension shall not entail any increase in the amount initially approved.
2. The Grants shall commence between 1 January and 31 October 2027.

CHAPTER II – RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE GRANT HOLDER

Article 7. – Grant Holder Status

1. The awarding of Grants in accordance with this Regulation confers upon the Principal Investigator the status of Grant Holder of Bial Foundation (hereinafter referred to as “Grant Holder”).
2. The Grants awarded in accordance with this Regulation do not create or constitute either employment, labour, working, agent, or partner contracts or service agreements with Bial Foundation.
3. The Grant Holder status is automatically conferred on the starting date of the Research Project, which must be mentioned in the Agreement, duly signed beforehand, and ceases as per Article 22 of this Regulation.

Article 8. – Rights of the Grant Holder

Without prejudice to the provisions of this Regulation, the applicable legal provisions, and the Agreement, the Grant Holder is entitled to:

- a) Receive, through the Host Entity, the funding attributed by Bial Foundation under the terms agreed in the Agreement and in this Regulation;
- b) Obtain from the Host Entity the technical and logistical support necessary for the execution of the Research Project, under the terms agreed with the Host Entity and provided for in the Agreement.

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Article 9. – Duties / Obligations of the Grant Holder

The Grant Holder must:

- a) Perform the Research Project as described in the application, which includes, among others, the “Expected outputs” and agreed to in the Agreement, which cannot be unilaterally changed without prior review and approval by Bial Foundation;
- b) Comply with the procedures and internal operating rules of the Host Entity;
- c) Obtain all authorisations and consents necessary for the fulfilment and implementation of the provisions set out in this Regulation and the Agreement, including, but not limited to, those from the Host Entity, relevant ethics committees, and team members involved in the Research Project;
- d) Obtain prior authorization from the Host Entity before submitting to Bial Foundation any requests for changes to the completion deadline and/or the budget of the Research Project;
- e) Promptly inform Bial Foundation of any change in circumstances that may lead to the termination of the Grant Holder status provided for in this Regulation;
- f) Promptly inform Bial Foundation of any fact or occurrence that may affect or negatively impact the progress of the Research Project;
- g) Respond in a timely manner to requests from Bial Foundation regarding the Grant;
- h) Submit the Reports and/or documents required under the terms of the Agreement;
- i) Where applicable, deliver to the Host Entity where the Research Project was completed, the equipment acquired with the Grant awarded by Bial Foundation upon completion of the Research Project; if the Research Project is not completed or the Host Entity is not interested in the equipment, it shall be delivered to Bial Foundation;
- j) Comply with the general principles of good practices, ethics, scientific integrity, and data protection, including, where applicable, obtaining informed consent or anonymisation, and ensuring the responsible use of technologies, including artificial intelligence;
- k) Comply with all other duties and obligations resulting from the law, this Regulation, and the Agreement.

Article 10. – Acknowledgement of the Grant and Publication of the Report

1. Open Science policies and practices within the scope of the Research Project are encouraged and valued.
2. All publications, regardless of the dissemination channel (e.g., scientific journals, newspapers, social media), and oral presentations made by the Grant Holder or, where applicable, the research team, arising from, within the scope of, or as a result of the Research Project, must expressly acknowledge the Grant awarded by Bial Foundation. This acknowledgement must include the identification of the Research Project through its reference (Bial Foundation – Grant # XX/26).
3. Grant Holders are the holders of the intellectual property rights over the results of the Research Project and any works arising therefrom, and they are solely responsible for their protection.

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4. Without prejudice to the above, Grant Holders grant the Bial Foundation express authorisation and a free, perpetual, worldwide, transferable, and sublicensable licence to use, reproduce, distribute, disclose, publish, and make publicly available, without limitation as to medium, location or form, including, without limitation, on its websites and social media and other publicly accessible electronic platforms (including, without limitation, www.bialfoundation.com), the Final Scientific Report issued upon completion of the Research Project, in whole or in part, in its original language or in translation, allowing any user to access it at any time, free of charge and without content restrictions, provided that proper attribution of authorship and origin is safeguarded (as indicated to Bial Foundation). Grant Holders therefore authorise, under the same terms, the deposit of the Final Scientific Report in Bial Foundation's document repository (in physical and/or electronic/online format).
5. The provisions of the preceding paragraphs shall in no way affect, limit, or prejudice the ownership, recognition, and protection of intellectual property rights as legally established.
6. Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, it is the Grant Holder's sole responsibility to ensure that (i) the Final Scientific Report complies with third-party publication rights and that its public disclosure and availability in Bial Foundation's document repository do not infringe any contractual or editorial restrictions; and (ii) they have full authority and capacity to grant the rights and licences set out herein and to fulfil all obligations established under this Regulation.

CHAPTER III – CONDITIONS OF THE GRANTS

Article 11. – Financial Component of the Grant

1. The Grant consists of the payment, in three or more instalments, of a monetary amount to be determined, within the limits previously established under Article 5 of this Regulation, according to the specific needs of each Research Project and under terms freely defined by Bial Foundation.
2. Such amount shall be considered the maximum value payable by Bial Foundation, subject to verification and subsequent approval of the supporting documentation evidencing the expenses already paid within the scope of the Research Project, duly submitted by the Grant Holder.
3. Meal allowances, holiday or Christmas bonuses, or any similar benefits shall not be considered eligible expenses. Likewise, overheads/indirect costs or payments for the use of spaces or equipment belonging to the Host Entity or to the Research Centre where the Research Project is carried out are, under no circumstances, accepted or paid by Bial Foundation, except for costs associated with the use of neuroimaging equipment for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), computed tomography (CT), magnetoencephalography (MEG), positron emission tomography (PET), single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT), and functional near-infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS).

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Article 12. – Payment

1. Payments due to the Grant Holder shall be made directly and exclusively to the Host Entity, in Euro (€), on an annual or bi-annual basis, to be defined in accordance with the schedule of the Research Project.
2. Grant payments shall be made by bank transfer to the Host Entity's bank account indicated in writing to Bial Foundation, under the terms set forth in the Agreement.

Article 13. – Procedure for Extension of the Research Project

1. Any request for an extension of the deadline for completion of the Research Project shall be duly formalised in writing, by means of a duly justified request, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled end date of the Research Project.
2. The request must be accompanied by the necessary documents and information, which may include, among others, the following:
 - a) A detailed report of the work carried out;
 - b) Copies of publications resulting from the activities undertaken within the scope of the Research Project;
 - c) A plan of subsequent activities;
 - d) A revised payment schedule.

Article 14. – Decision on the Extension Request

The decision regarding the extension request — whether approved or not approved — shall be communicated in writing to the Principal Investigator and may be sent by e-mail to the address registered on the Bial Foundation Grant Management Platform (hereinafter referred to as the “BF-GMS platform”).

CHAPTER IV – PROCESS FOR THE AWARD OF GRANTS

Article 15. – Publicity

1. The launch of the call for the award of Grants shall be publicized by means of announcements in the media, including, without limitation, on the Internet, as well as, whenever deemed appropriate, by mailings sent to researchers and entities in the field of scientific research, or to other persons or entities who may appropriately contribute to its dissemination in Portugal and abroad.
2. The announcement shall mention, among others, the following information:
 - a) Purpose;
 - b) Scope and objectives;
 - c) Addressees;
 - d) Duration and commencement;
 - e) Financial components and payment schedule;
 - f) Deadline and way for submitting applications;
 - g) Timeline for communication of the decision; and
 - h) Applicable Regulation.

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Article 16. – Eligible Applications

1. Applications must be submitted electronically in English, by completing the online application form available on the BF-GMS platform at www.bialfoundation.com, within the deadline and under the terms set forth in this Regulation. Monetary amounts shall be presented in Euro (€).
2. Applications must comply with the provisions of this Regulation and with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements. Applicants are fully responsible for the applications submitted and must ensure that they comply with the provisions of this Regulation.
3. Applications must include the required information, including: the *Curriculum Vitae* of the applicant and, where applicable, of the respective team; a detailed description of the Research Project and corresponding schedule and budget; the identification of the Host Entity and the Research Centre (if applicable) where the Research Project will be carried out.
4. When the Research Project involves animals, human subjects, biological material and/or sensitive data, documentary evidence of its submission for review and approval by the competent Ethics committee(s)/authority(ies) shall be provided, together with a declaration on honour, duly signed by the Principal Investigator, attesting that all procedures and experiments described in the application are fully covered by the request submitted to the competent ethics committee(s) authority(ies).
5. The processing of applications shall be carried out exclusively by electronic means, without prejudice to the possible request for original documents whenever necessary or applicable, pursuant to Article 19(3) of this Regulation.
6. Applications will not be considered eligible in the following cases:
 - a) Projects involving clinical or experimental models of human disease and therapy;
 - b) Projects whose main scope is eating behaviour, sexual behaviour, or physical exercise;
 - c) Projects in fundamental neuroscience (cellular, molecular, and biochemical mechanisms of brain functioning) that are not directly and unequivocally associated with a psychophysiological measure.
7. Applications without a Host Entity are not eligible.
8. If identical or substantially similar applications are submitted in the current edition, this may lead to the exclusion of all applications involved.
9. Bial Foundation reserves the right to refuse applications from former grant holders who have repeatedly breached their legal and contractual obligations, including, among others, the explicit mention of Bial Foundation's support, as provided for in Article 10 of this Regulation.
10. Bial Foundation is not responsible for the possible non-receipt of applications resulting, inter alia, from possible service interruptions, network failures, or security breaches in the applicants' email, and/or from failures, technical problems, errors, or delays in communications that prevent the timely and complete submission of applications.

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11. The applicant/Grant Holder's email registered on the BF-GMS platform must remain active and up to date throughout the entire period of the initiative foreseen in this Regulation, which includes the application phase and, when applicable, the post-award phase.

Article 17. – Assessment of Applications

The assessment of applications shall be the responsibility of the Scientific Board of Bial Foundation, composed of at least fifty (50) individuals of recognised scientific merit.

Article 18. – Communication of the Decision

1. The decision regarding the funding or non-funding will be communicated to the applicants within four (4) months from the final deadline of the call.
2. The decision mentioned in the preceding paragraph is final and not subject to appeal.
3. In the event of approval of the application for funding, Bial Foundation may invite the applicant to review the budget of the Research Project, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5.

Article 19. – Deadline for Acceptance; Approval by the Ethics Committee

1. Within twenty (20) days of the notification of the decision to award the Grant, the applicant must send to Bial Foundation, preferably by electronic means, a declaration confirming acceptance of the Grant, to be awarded under the terms of this Regulation, and stating the effective commencement date of the Grant, which shall, in any event, be subject to the fulfilment of all requirements and signature of the Agreement.
2. Failure to submit the declaration within the deadline referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be deemed, for all legal and regulatory purposes, a waiver of the Grant in pursuance of this Regulation.
3. Bial Foundation reserves the right to request the applicant to provide the originals of any documents submitted electronically with the application, which must be presented no later than the date of signature of the Agreement, under penalty of automatic cancellation of the decision to award the Grant.
4. The applicant shall also provide Bial Foundation, prior to signature of the Agreement, with a copy of the approval of the Research Project by the competent Ethics committee(s)/authority(ies). No Agreement will be issued and signed unless such document has been duly provided to Bial Foundation.

CHAPTER V – AGREEMENT FOR THE AWARD OF A GRANT TO A RESEARCH PROJECT

Article 20. – Agreement for the Award of a Grant to a Research Project

1. The award of the Grant is formalised through a tripartite Agreement to be executed by and between Bial Foundation, the Grant Holder, and the Host Entity where the Research Project will be performed.

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2. The Agreement must be executed in writing, according to the model attached hereto as Annex I.

Article 21. – Causes for Termination of the Agreement

Without prejudice to all other grounds provided for by law, the following shall constitute grounds for termination of the Agreement:

- a) Completion of the Research Project;
- b) Serious or repeated breach, by one of the Parties, of the obligations arising from the Agreement and from this Regulation, which includes, but is not limited to, the use by the Grant Holder of the awarded amount to any purpose other than the Research Project; failure to submit the required reports within the deadline; unauthorised modification of the Research Project; and failure to complete the Research Project;
- c) Provision of false statements by the Grant Holder;
- d) Revocation by agreement of the Parties;
- e) Any subsequent change in the circumstances that justified the award of the Grant.
- f) Establishment by the Grant Holder of an employment relationship with Bial Foundation or with any company belonging to Bial Group, in Portugal or abroad.

Article 22. – Cancellation of Status

The termination of the Agreement entails the automatic cancellation of Grant Holder status.

Article 23. – Sanctions

1. In the event of serious or repeated breach by the Grant Holder of the obligations set out in this Regulation and in the Agreement, Bial Foundation reserves the right to demand the full or partial refund of the amounts paid by Bial Foundation, as it may decide. The refund of such amounts shall be made by the Host Entity within sixty (60) days of notification by Bial Foundation.
2. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 21 of this Regulation, the following situations may constitute grounds for reducing the amount of the Grant approved by Bial Foundation, in particular and where applicable:
 - a) Partial failure to achieve the specific aims defined in the Application, for reasons attributable to the Grant Holder;
 - b) Substantial non-execution of the Research Project as approved;
 - c) Changes to the elements that were decisive in the decision to award the Grant, which compromise the merit of the Application.

CHAPTER VI – FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 24. – Miscellaneous

1. This Regulation shall be governed by Portuguese law and shall enter into force upon its publication on Bial Foundation website.

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2. Any disputes arising from the interpretation or application of this Regulation shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Porto Courts, Portugal.
3. Without prejudice to any liability that may arise from the applicable legislation, Bial Foundation is not responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the applicant or the Grant Holder as a result of submitting applications under the terms set out in this Regulation and/or accepting and using the Grant.
4. Any matter not specifically set forth in this Regulation shall be resolved by Bial Foundation. Amendments to this Regulation shall be undertaken by Bial Foundation.
5. Any amendments to this Regulation will be communicated to Applicants who have already submitted applications, by email sent to the addresses registered on the BF-GMS platform.
6. Grant Holders acknowledge Bial Foundation's right to provide copies of documents relating to this Regulation and the Grant to any authorities and/or entities that may request them under applicable law, as well as the right to publicise and disclose the award of the Grant as it deems necessary and/or appropriate, including notifying the competent authorities of the amount of the Grant and the identity of the Grant Holders.

ANNEX

Annex I – Model for the Research Funding Agreement for a Scientific Research Project

Annex I – Draft of the Research Funding Agreement

Note: *This draft of the Research Funding Agreement is provided for information purposes only at this stage. It will be signed by the Bial Foundation, the Principal Investigator, and the Host Entity if the project is selected for funding and all applicable conditions and requirements are duly met.*

RESEARCH FUNDING AGREEMENT

By and Between

Fundação Bial, a public utility entity, with identification No. 503 323 055 and address at à Avenida da Siderurgia Nacional, 4745-457 Coronado (S. Romão e S. Mamede), Trofa, Portugal, represented by the undersigned representatives, hereinafter referred to as “**Bial Foundation**”,

And

....., national of, holder of the identification card/Passport No., valid up to and with address at, hereinafter referred to as “**Applicant**”, “**Grant Holder**” or “**Principal Investigator**”,

And

....., [insert name of Host Entity/Principal Research Centre] registration number / VAT number (to be filled as applicable), and with address at, represented by [include name and capacity of the signatory], hereinafter referred to as “**Host Entity**”.

Being the Bial Foundation, the Grant Holder and the Host Entity, hereinafter individually referred to as a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”.

Whereas:

- I. With the aim of fostering the scientific study of the healthy human being – considering both physical and mental processes – particularly in the fields of Psychophysiology and Parapsychology, Bial Foundation promoted the opening of its Grants Programme for Scientific Research .../...., which Regulation was made publicly available in
- II. On the, the Applicant submitted an Application for the Research Project “.....”, to which has been assigned the reference number .../....;

III. [Upon Bial Foundation’s suggestion, the Applicant has revised the Application and has proceeded to the modification of the corresponding budget;] (if applicable)

IV. Bial Foundation, after consultation with its Scientific Board, decided to award the Applicant a Grant for Scientific Research in the amount and under the terms and conditions established herein.

The Parties, acting in good faith, enter into the present Research Funding Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “**Agreement**”) that will be governed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Regulation of Grants for Scientific Research of Bial Foundation – edition 2026 (hereinafter referred to as “**Regulation**”), the recitals above, and the following Clauses:

First

Without prejudice to any other information set out in the Grant Holder’s Application, as approved by Bial Foundation, here deemed to be reproduced for all legal purposes (hereinafter referred to as “Application”), the Research Project “.....” - (hereinafter referred to as “Research Project”) has the following key points:

Scientific Domain(s):

Specific Aims:

Duration (commencement and completion dates):

Grant Holder/Principal Investigator:

Host Entity/Principal Research Centre:

Global Budget: € (...euro).

Second

1. Bial Foundation awards the Grant Holder a grant to be used exclusively for the performance of the Research Project, in the total amount of €..... (..... euro). Subject to full compliance with the terms of the provisions of this Agreement, particularly, but not limited to this Clause Second, such amount of €..... (..... euro) shall be paid directly and exclusively to the Host Entity, in instalments as follows:

a) €..... (..... euro) to be paid after this Agreement is signed by all the Parties;

b) €..... (..... euro) to be paid

c) €..... (..... euro) to be paid

- d)** €..... (..... euro) to be paid
- 2.** The payment of each instalment – except for the first one - mentioned in paragraph 1 above is subject to the (i) prior submission by the Grant Holder, through the Bial Foundation Grants Management System (BF-GMS), of the Scientific and Financial Progress and Final Reports (as the case may be) and (ii) approval of such reports by Bial Foundation.
 - 3.** Subject to the compliance with the above, the instalments mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Clause Second shall be paid as follows:
 - a)** First instalment shall be disbursed after execution of this Agreement by all Parties and after the commencement date of the Research Project;
 - b)** Subsequent interim instalments shall be disbursed only (i) upon approval by Bial Foundation of the scientific and financial progress reports submitted by the Grant Holder and (ii) when the expenses already paid are approximately equivalent to the amount already disbursed under the Agreement;
 - c)** The final instalment, corresponding to no less than 10% (ten percent) of the total Grant, shall be reimbursed only after all final requirements have been fulfilled. These include, without limitation, the approval by Bial Foundation of the scientific and financial final reports, as well as a research paper accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal that directly results from the Research Project (if applicable). For the avoidance of doubt, the Parties agree that the last instalment shall only be reimbursed in case the total awarded amount has already been expended.
 - 4.** Payment of the amount set forth in this Clause Second shall be made by bank transfer directly and exclusively to the Host Entity's bank account, as indicated in the designated form uploaded to the BF-GMS. This form must be accompanied by official proof of the Host Entity's bank account details, issued by the bank or obtained through home banking, provided it clearly confirms the account holder and relevant banking information.
 - 5.** The Grant Holder shall be responsible for promptly notifying the Bial Foundation of any changes to the Host Entity's bank account details throughout the project. Failure to provide timely and accurate notification may result in misdirected payments or administrative delays. Bial Foundation shall not have any responsibility for, nor bear any additional costs arising from changes to the bank account that have not been duly communicated in advance.

6. Bial Foundation shall not be responsible for any other costs and expenses whatsoever which are not expressly approved by Bial Foundation pursuant to this Agreement and are not referenced in the approved Application.

Third

1. This Agreement shall not be interpreted as being, or giving cause to, an employment, labour, working, agent, or partner contract or services agreement. Accordingly, the Grant Holder shall not be considered a worker, agent, or representative of Bial Foundation.
2. Without prejudice to any liability that may arise and result from applicable legal provisions, Bial Foundation shall not be held liable for any damage or loss suffered by the Grant Holder and/or Host Entity in connection with, or as a result of, the execution of this Agreement or the receipt of the grant awarded to the Grant Holder.

Fourth

1. The Grant Holder undertakes to execute the Research Project as described in the Application, including, but not limited to, the "Expected outputs". The Grant Holder shall promptly notify Bial Foundation of any facts, events, or circumstances that may impact the proper execution of the Research Project.
2. The Research Project, including, but not limited to, the work plan, project schedule, and corresponding budget, may not be modified without the prior written approval of Bial Foundation.
3. The Grant Holder undertakes to submit both the Scientific and Financial Final Reports, following the requirements set out in the Annex to this Agreement, within the maximum period of one month after the completion date established in this Agreement or interruption of the Research Project. In the event of duly approved postponements by the Bial Foundation, this additional one-month period shall not be applicable.

Fifth

1. The financial reports shall clearly specify the direct costs and eligible expenses already paid under each budget item, duly supported by copies of the relevant documentation evidencing such expenditures.
2. If it is not possible to provide copies of the documentation evidencing the costs and expenses already paid, the Grant Holder shall duly justify the situation and submit a declaration issued on the official letterhead of the Host Entity. This declaration must be signed by a financial officer or accountant and shall

confirm that the corresponding costs and expenses, broken down by budget item, were incurred during and for the execution of the Research Project supported by Bial Foundation.

3. All payments made by Bial Foundation under this Agreement shall be in Euro currency. Accordingly, all expenses reported in the financial reports must be presented in Euro. If any costs are incurred in other currencies, the Grant Holder shall apply, in each financial report, the exchange rate in effect on the date of the most recent instalment received. For reference, the applicable exchange rate shall be retrieved from the European Central Bank's official website (<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/eurofxref/>) and shall correspond to the rate published on the date the previous instalment was received. Bial Foundation provides funding in Euro and shall not be held responsible for exchange rate fluctuations and assumes no currency risk.
4. The Host Entity undertakes to return to Bial Foundation the amount of the Grant which cannot be substantiated with appropriate supporting documentation, as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Clause Fifth. The return of such amount shall be made within 60 (sixty) days from the date of receipt of a written request from the Bial Foundation to the Grant Holder, who shall promptly inform the Host Entity of said request.

Sixth

The Host Entity confirms its acceptance to host the Research Project, and represents and warrants that (i) it possesses all the legal, institutional, and operational conditions necessary for proper execution of the Research Project, (ii) entering into this Agreement does not, and will not, result in a breach of any contractual obligations with third parties and (iii) it has no and will neither have any conflict of interest, nor will it incur any, that could compromise its impartiality, integrity, or ability to fulfil its responsibilities under this Agreement.

Seventh

1. Upon completion of the Research Project, any equipment purchased with funds from the Grant awarded by Bial Foundation shall, if applicable, become the property of the Host Entity where the Research Project was completed.
2. If the said Host Entity is not interested in the equipment or if the Research Project is not completed, the equipment shall be delivered to Bial Foundation.

Eighth

1. The Grant Holder and the Host Entity shall be solely responsible for verifying, ensuring, and guaranteeing that the execution of the Research Project does not conflict with any existing contractual obligations to third parties. Additionally, the Grant Holder and Host Entity represent and warrant that the Research Project and its results do not infringe upon any third-party rights, including, without limitation, industrial or intellectual property rights.
2. The Grant Holder undertakes to acknowledge the financial support received from Bial Foundation in all publications, communications, and oral presentations, in any form or medium, that are carried out by virtue of, within the scope of, or as a consequence of the Grant awarded by Bial Foundation for the execution of the Research Project.
3. The Grant Holder grants Bial Foundation a free-of-charge, perpetual license (according to the duration of the applicable copyrights), without geographical limitation, transferable and sublicensable to use, reproduce, distribute, disclose, publish, and make available to the public the Scientific Final Report, in whole or in part, in its original or translated version. This license applies across all forms, medium, and platforms, including, without limitation, the Bial Foundation's online database, websites, social media channels, and other publicly accessible electronic platforms, for any intended purpose. The Scientific Final Report provided by the Grant Holder to Bial Foundation shall identify all team members who contributed to it. In the absence of an express indication of the authors in the Scientific Final Report, all members of the Research Project team will be referenced as co-authors.
4. The Grant Holder represents and warrants that they have the full power, authority, and capability to enter into this Agreement, to grant the rights and license granted herein (including, without limiting, in the preceding paragraph), and to perform all obligations hereunder.
5. If the Scientific Final Report contains information that the Grant Holder does not intend to disclose publicly, the Grant Holder may notify Bial Foundation and submit an additional interim or abridged version of the report to be temporarily uploaded to the Bial Foundation's online database. In such cases, Bial Foundation shall replace the interim report with the full Scientific Final Report within 3 (three) years from the date of its submission to the BF-GMS, upon receiving express authorization from the Grant Holder to disclose the Scientific Final Report, whichever occurs first.
6. The preceding paragraphs shall neither affect nor prejudice any recognition and protection of copyrights as established by law. The Grant Holder shall remain solely responsible for ensuring the effective protection of the results of the Research Project.

Ninth

1. The Parties agree to comply with all applicable privacy and data protection laws and regulations. The Grant Holder is responsible for ensuring that all personal data used or generated during the Research Project – including special categories of data such as health, genetic, biometric, racial or ethnic origin, images, videos, or audio recordings – is processed lawfully, fairly, and transparently, with an appropriate legal basis, including documented and valid consent where required.
2. Prior to the submission of any report or deliverable, the Grant Holder must ensure that not directly or indirectly identifiable personal data is included, unless prior consent has been lawfully obtained and documented. Where consent is not available, all such data must be fully anonymized, in accordance with applicable standards, ensuring that no individual can be identified.
3. If Artificial Intelligence (AI) is used in any stage of the Research Project, the Grant Holder must ensure its use is lawful, transparent, explainable, and subject to appropriate human oversight. AI-generated content must maintain factual accuracy and scientific integrity, and its use must be justified within the scope of the Research Project. Non-compliance with these obligations may result in disqualification or other applicable sanctions under this Regulation or the law.
4. The Bial Foundation may process limited personal data relating to the Grant Holder and members of the Research Project team (such as name, contact details, and professional information), solely for purposes of reviewing, supporting, and managing the Research Project, and to comply with legal or regulatory requirements. This data may be shared within the Bial group, with research partners, or competent authorities, including in jurisdictions outside the country where the Research Project is conducted.
5. The Grant Holder consents to the use of their name, photo, and biographical details for the Bial Foundation’s communication and promotional purposes, in accordance with the Bial Foundation’s Privacy Policy available at www.bialfoundation.com.

Tenth

1. In addition to any rights provided by applicable law, Bial Foundation reserves the right to terminate this Agreement under the following circumstances:
 - a) Serious or repeated breach of the Grant Holder’s obligations, attributable to the Grant Holder, including but not limited to (i) failure to address the Specific Aims set forth in the Application and reflected in this Agreement,

- (ii) failure to submit the mandatory Reports within the stipulated deadlines and (iii) non-completion of the Research Project;
 - b) False or misleading statements made by the Grant Holder;
 - c) Non-compliance with the Regulation;
 - d) any actions by the Grant Holder and/or the Host Entity that may jeopardize the reputation, name, or public image of Bial Foundation.
2. The termination of this Agreement for breach pursuant to paragraph 1 of Clause Tenth and the consequent cancellation of the Grant pursuant to this Agreement shall oblige the Host Entity to reimburse the amounts disbursed by Bial Foundation, either in full or in part, as determined by Bial Foundation in light of the specific circumstances. For the avoidance of doubt, this obligation applies regardless of whether the funds have already been spent, committed, or allocated.
3. Bial Foundation reserves the right to refuse and/or suspend the payment of the Grant, in whole or in part, whenever the conditions set forth in this Agreement or the Regulation are not fulfilled and/or the Grant Holder does not comply with any provision of this Agreement and/or the Regulation. This right may be exercised regardless of any prior payments made or commitments undertaken, and without prejudice to any other legal or contractual remedies available to Bial Foundation.
4. Without prejudice to the provisions of this Agreement and the Regulation, including, without limitation, this Clause, the following circumstances may constitute grounds for the reduction of the Grant amount, where applicable:
- a) Failure to address part of the Specific Aims set forth in the Application and reflected in this Agreement, due to reasons attributable to the Grant Holder;
 - b) Substantial non-execution of the Research Project as approved;
 - c) Modifications to key elements of the Application that were decisive for the funding decision and that compromise the scientific merit or integrity of the Research Project.

Eleventh

In addition to the right of termination set forth in the preceding Clause Tenth, this Agreement shall be automatically terminated upon completion of the Research Project, by agreement of the parties or in the event of a material change in circumstances.

Twelfth

The Grant Holder and the Host Entity acknowledge and accept Bial Foundation's right to disclose this Agreement and any related documentation to any competent authority and entity, in Portugal or abroad.

Thirteenth

1. This Agreement shall become effective on the date of signature by all Parties and shall be in full force and effect for the duration of the Research Project, as agreed, unless terminated earlier by either of the Parties in accordance with Clauses Tenth and Eleventh or otherwise approved by Bial Foundation in accordance with paragraph four of this Clause.
2. All matters not expressly regulated in the Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of Regulation, which the Grant Holder and Host Entity hereby acknowledge having read and understood, and to which they undertake to comply with.
3. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Portuguese laws. The Parties hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Porto, Portugal, to resolve any disputes arising from or related to this Agreement, without giving effect to any conflict of laws provisions thereof.
4. Except for amendments to the Research Project's schedule, budget, or research plan, which could be agreed by email, neither this Agreement nor any of the terms or provisions hereof may be amended, modified, or supplemented except by a written instrument signed by the duly authorized representatives of all Parties here to. No waiver of any right set forth herein shall be deemed effective unless made in writing and signed by the Party against whom enforcement of the waiver is sought.
5. If any provision of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions. The Parties shall use their best efforts to replace the invalid or unenforceable provision with a valid and enforceable one that, to the extent possible, achieves the same economic, legal, or practical purpose, ensuring that the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.
6. Neither the Grant Holder nor the Host Entity may assign or transfer their position, rights, or obligations under this Agreement to any third party without the prior written consent of Bial Foundation.
7. The rights and obligations of the Parties that, by their nature or intent, are meant to survive the termination of this Agreement (including, but not limited

to, the rights and obligations under Clauses Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Twelfth, and Thirteenth) shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.

The Parties have duly signed this Agreement in a manner legally binding upon them. This Agreement may be executed through electronic signature and in any number of counterparts, where all such counterparts taken together will be deemed to constitute the same instrument. A signed or electronically signed copy of this Agreement delivered by email, or other means of electronic transmission, shall have the same legal effects and the same probative force as wet-ink signatures.

ACKNOWLEDGED, ACCEPTED, AND AGREED TO:

FUNDAÇÃO BIAL:

Name:
Capacity:

Name:
Capacity:

GRANT HOLDER:

Name:

HOST ENTITY:

Name:
Capacity:

Annex

The Scientific Final Report must:

1. Provide a comprehensive overview of the entire project, including its outputs and outcomes, and clearly identify any deviations or modifications from the original approved project plan.
2. Be self-contained and structured as a scientific article, including the following sections: Aims, Method (participants, instrument/measures, and procedure), Results and Discussion, Conclusions, and Recommendations. The report must not exceed **10 pages**. Data from all planned experiments or studies must be fully analysed and integrated.
3. Include, as a separate attachment, a table comparing the expected versus achieved output indicators, along with a complete list of publications. Access to publications must be ensured by indicating the URL (if open access) or by uploading the files in PDF format (e.g., galley proofs of accepted articles). **Only publications that explicitly acknowledge Bial Foundation's support will be considered as outputs of the Research Project.**
4. Include, as a separate attachment, the duly completed template available for download from BF-GMS, under the "Grant Edition Support Documents" section. This represents an abstract of the Research Project to be published on Bial Foundation website.

The Financial Final Report must:

1. Include all supporting documents for expenses not submitted in previous reports. The last instalment shall only be reimbursed in case the total awarded amount has already been expended by the time the final report is submitted.