

## BRIDGE Proof of Concept

### Special call for applications 2022 for Bachelor and Master graduates

Publication date: **15 June 2022**

Submission deadline: **5 September 2022**

The BRIDGE Steering Committee

**based on the regulations on BRIDGE Proof of Concept grants of 9 December 2020** (version of 15 June 2022) publishes the following call for proposals:

#### Background

Since its launch in 2017, Proof of Concept has been open to Bachelor, Master and PhD level applicants. However, only 20% of all project proposals were submitted by Bachelor or Master graduates. The BRIDGE Steering Committee strongly believes that the programme has not yet been able to benefit from the full potential of these junior applicants. For this reason, BRIDGE is launching a special call exclusively for applicants with a Bachelor's or a Master's degree. However, applicants who are eligible to apply for this special call may submit their project in the regular call instead. Parallel project submissions are not permitted. In the case of simultaneous submission in both calls for proposals, the applicant must decide within a specified deadline and with the consequence of non-consideration which of the two applications to keep. Approximately 1 million francs have been made available for the call.

#### Restriction of the requirements for applicants

Based on article 6, paragraph 5, the BRIDGE Steering Committee restricts the requirements for applicants (as defined in article 6, paragraph 4) for this extraordinary call for proposals to Bachelor or Master graduates. All other articles of the regulations for BRIDGE Proof of Concept grants of 9 December 2020 (version of 15 June 2022) remain in force.