# Instructions in preparing an application

Applicants are required to use this template to submit their Flagship program. Minimum font 11pts (Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman), standard line and character spacing, and normal margins. All indicated chapters are mandatory unless otherwise indicated. You must respect the indications given in each chapter in order to adhere to the expected content. A word count is clearly indicated for each section. **If you do not adhere to the maximum amount of words, your application will not be processed.** The word count includes tables, footnotes and figure legends but excludes references. Please do not include hyperlinks. The application form needs to be submitted in a single pdf document, including the budget table and letters of intent.

We recommend that you do not send in your submission at the last minute in order to avoid technical difficulties. No submission will be accepted after the deadline, March 15th at 13:00 CET. Applications should be sent in PDF format to ***Flagships@erasmusmc.nl***.

# General information

## Title:

## 1.a Applicants

In case an applicant has more than one affiliation, please mention this in the table.

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| *Name\** | *Institution* | *Department* | *Email* | *Tenured (i.e. fixed) position/*  *Tenure-track/ Other (please specify)* | *For Erasmus MC applicants: clinician/ researcher/ mix* | *Role in Flagship [Main Lead/Lead/*  *Applicant]* |
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Corresponding Lead:

Planned start date of seed funding: *dd/mm/yyyy*

Primary Convergence theme: Choose an item.

Secondary Convergence theme (*if applicable*): Choose an item.

Tertiary Convergence theme (*if applicable*): Choose an item.

Quaternary Convergence theme (*if applicable*): Choose an item.

Keywords: *please list a maximum of 7 keywords*

## 1.b Summary (max 300 words)

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| *Please briefly describe the objectives, design, and anticipated scientific, societal and economic impact for an academic audience.* |

## 1.c Public Summary (max 300 words)

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| *Layman’s summary.* |

# Relevance to Convergence Health & Technology mission (50%) – max. 2500 words for 2.a to 2.e

*• The Flagship program contributes to the Convergence Health & Technology mission (1)*

*• The Flagship program objectives fit with the guidance per theme provided by the theme leads, and/or fit with more than one theme of Convergence Health & Technology (2)*

*• The Flagship program merges approaches and insights from distinct disciplines to reach its goals (3)*

*• The staff granted by this call actively brings together different disciplines within the program, and creates visibility and attracts talents, partners, and funding for the program (4)*

*• The Flagship program has a clear view on long term sustainability after the 5-year central funding period (5)*

*• The envisioned results of the Flagship program have the potential for a significant contribution to healthcare, society and/or have scientific impact which has the potential for long-term societal impact (6)*

*• The Flagship program provides opportunities for BSc/BA and/or MSc/MA students of the participating institutes to participate in (interdisciplinary) projects (7)*

*• The proposal defines the pathway of how this contribution can be realized. The pathway includes concrete research and/or impact pathway (societal and/or economical) valorization strategies (8)*

## 2.a Contribution to H&T mission and fit with H&T theme(s)

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## 2.b Synergy between disciplines

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| *Elaborate on how this program merges approaches and insights from distinct disciplines to reach its goals.* |

## 2.c Long term sustainability plan

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| *Please indicate your view on the feasibility of the program as well as the long-term sustainability plan of the program after the 5-year central funding period. Describe possible risks and how to tackle them.* |

## 2.d Visibility, attracting talents and new partners

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| *Describe how you will create visibility for the flagship program, how you will engage students (BSc/BA and/ or MSc/MA) and early career researchers in interdisciplinary projects, as well as how you plan to attract talents, partners and funding.* |

## 2.e Long term societal impact

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| *Describe the potential and possible pathways for a significant contribution to healthcare, society and/or scientific impact which has the potential for long-term societal impact. Pathways include concrete research and/or impact pathway (societal and/or economical) valorization strategies. If applicable, indicate expected TRLs and necessary partners. In case of fundamental research please describe the* *scientific impact and time scale of expected societal impact.* |

# Flagship proposal (25%) max 2000 words for 3.a to 3.d

• The Flagship program contributes to excellent Convergence Health & Technology research, at the forefront of international research (1)

• The Flagship program is both innovative as well as challenging in its research and approach (2)

• The Flagship program has a clear strategy to engage students in its research plan (3)

• The Flagship program has a clear aim and long-term work plan, including, if applicable, a specification of required facilities and a data-and infrastructure plan. Coherence within the program is clearly demonstrated (4)

• The Flagship program aligns with or builds on (inter)national research agendas in this field, fit with the (inter)national research agendas but has a “high risk, high gain” main objective that is thoroughly explained (5)

• The Flagship program is feasible in terms of research performed, staff and budget needed (6)

• The Flagship program has a concrete plan for attracting external funding, which should result in at least the same amount as the central funding over the 5-year period (7)

## 3.a Ambitions

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| *Describe how the ambitions of the flagship program are in line with Convergence Health & Tech research. Please elaborate on the innovative and challenging aspects of the research program and/or its approach.* |

## 3.b Aims and feasibility

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| *Describe the program’s aims, including a clear strategy to involve students in its research plan. Elaborate on the program’s feasibility in terms of research performed, staff and budget needed. Address a concrete plan for attracting external funding. Also address possible risks and how to tackle these.* |

## 3.c Work plan

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| *Elaborate on the long-term work plan, including, if applicable, a specification of required facilities and a data-and infrastructure plan. Pay attention to overall coherence of the work plan.* |

## 3.d Alignment of the program with relevant national and international research agendas

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| *Explain how the program aligns with or builds on national and international research agendas in its fields or, if it does not fit with these agendas, elaborate on what is the “high risk, high gain” objective.* |

# Consortium (25%) max 2000 words for 4.a to 4.d

• The Flagship program is driven and executed by a well-organized team of scientists from all three institutions and at least 4 departments or faculties in total. In exceptional cases, it is possible to form a Flagship program with only two leads from two institutions, but this should be clearly motivated (1)

• Members of the consortium have a track record of excellence in academic research, translation of scientific results into clinical application or societal impact (2)

• Members of the consortium have a significant track record in engaging and supervising BSc and MSc students in research projects (3)

• Members of the consortium have demonstrated to be able to attract external funding, thereby enhancing the programs sustainability after the 5 years of central funding (4)

• There is a demonstrable fit between the aims and objectives of the program and the expertise of the consortium members (5)

• End users (private and/or public sectors) are involved from an early start and team members are well-connected to external partners in the ecosystem (6)

• Governance should be clearly described and is organized in such a way that it facilitates collaboration and optimally makes use of the expertise of all participants (7)

## 4.a Track record of the consortium members

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| *Elaborate on the consortium members’ track record in academic research, translation of scientific results into clinical application or societal impact, BSc and MSc supervision and engagement in research projects, ability to attract external funding after the 5-year central funding period.* |

## 4.b Expertise of the consortium members in relation to the aims and objectives of the program

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| *Demonstrate the fit between the aims and objectives of the program and the expertise of the consortium members. Also describe the complementarity of the members.* |

## 4.c Involvement of partners

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| *Indicate which partners are involved, how and in what stage they are involved, as well as how well team members are connected to the external partners in the ecosystem.* |

## 4.d Governance, organization and collaboration strategy of the consortium

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| *Please describe how the consortium is organized to facilitate collaboration and make optimal use of the expertise of all participants.* |

# Annexes (do not count toward maximum number of pages)

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## I Budget table (including the external funding table)

*A pluriannual plan will be required if your proposal is accepted*

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## II Letters of intent and letters of commitment

*On headed paper of the entity. Letters of commitment are preferable to letters of intent and*

*letters of intent are preferable to the absence of these letters.*

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## III Letter of support from department head of the main lead

*On headed paper of the department or institution.*

## IV References