Annex 4

Selection Process

Selection process: 17th Call for Helmholtz Young Investigator Groups

**Phase 1:**

- **Call for applications**
- **Publication of the Call:** January 13, 2020
- **Deadline for submitting the draft proposal by the candidates to the Helmholtz Centers:** Please refer to the contact person of the Center for further information.
- **Pre-selection by the Helmholtz Centers**
- **Deadline for submitting full proposals by the Helmholtz Centers to the Head Office:** May 4, 2020

**Selected candidates are requested to prepare a full proposal.**

**Phase 2:**

- **Written evaluation**
- **Approx. 20 weeks**
- **Review of formal criteria of the application by the Helmholtz Head Office**
- **Written evaluation:** The Helmholtz Head Office obtains at least two independent written assessments.
- **Pre-selection by the President of the Helmholtz Association on the basis of the written assessments**

**Confirmation of receipt to the Helmholtz Centers**

**Notification of the Helmholtz Centers about the invitation of the nominated candidates to present the proposal at the selection meeting**

**Phase 3:**

- **Selection**
- **Approx. 4 weeks**
- **Preparation of the presentation for the selection meeting**
- **Individual Presentation of the proposal by the candidates in front of an interdisciplinary selection panel in Berlin (in total 30 minutes):** October 13-14, 2020
- **Final selection of the candidates by the selection panel and the President of the Helmholtz Association**

**Briefing of the candidates by the Helmholtz Centers and the Helmholtz Head Office**

**Information about decision to Helmholtz Centers**

**Phase 4:**

- **Start of funding**
- **Up to 12 months**
- **Funding approval to the Helmholtz Centers by the President of the Helmholtz Association**
- **Coordination of the starting date between the candidate and the Helmholtz Center**
- **Conclusion of a funding contract by the Head Office and the Helmholtz Center**
- **Start of funding (up to 12 months after funding approval)**

**Funding approval to the Helmholtz Centers; Welcome letter to the selected candidates**