



## **Guidelines on financial contribution and rules of participation**

### ***Guidelines on financial contribution***

This is a first version of the Frontiers Joint Curriculum guidelines on financial contribution. They are to be evaluated and revised.

The financial contribution from Frontiers concern either supporting students in carrying out parts of their education at a Frontiers partner university, supporting the execution of visiting student research projects or supporting teacher exchange in the Frontiers labelled curriculum. All expenses must be documented for the audit.

### **Supporting students**

Students at Frontiers partner universities who take part in a second cycle academic education (master level education) or equivalent (Diplomingenieur) with a nanotechnology for life science content are eligible to receive Frontiers support to cover their travel costs in conjunction with taking part in the Frontiers Joint Curriculum, i. e. becoming “Frontiers students”. The travel arrangements are to be conducted at the site where the student travels from (i. e. at the home university), and must be in accordance with the local university regulations.

It is also possible to use Frontiers resources to cover other specific extra costs for the Frontiers student besides travel costs. The overall principle is that there is to be no immediate negative financial consequences for the participating student when choosing to participate in the Frontiers Joint Curriculum (e. g. there are to be no additional tuition fees due to participation in the Frontiers Joint Curriculum).

### **Covering departmental costs**

When hosting a Frontiers master thesis research project the extra costs at the hosting university can be covered by Frontiers up to a limit of 5000€(at present this limit is set for the first five conducted projects). This could be costs of labour for supervision or consumables like stationery or experimental material.

A Frontiers labelled course can invite a guest lecturer from the Frontiers partner universities. The travelling costs for such collaboration can be covered by Frontiers.



### ***Rules of participation***

Students at Frontiers partner universities/institutions who take part in a second cycle academic education (master level education) or equivalent (Diplomingenieur) with a nanotechnology for life science content can apply for doing a joint Frontiers master thesis research project.

In the normal form the student remains a student at his/her home university, and the master thesis is officially examined at the home university/institution, so it must fulfil all the requirements at the home university as verified by a local examiner.

The open research projects are available on the Frontiers web site. The student must be accepted by the hosting supervisor and he/she must also have a local examiner for the thesis at his/her home university. If this is the case, the student becomes a “Frontiers student”. The thesis thus produced should be written in English. In the thesis Frontiers must be acknowledged as a supporter and the Frontiers logo should appear on its front side cover. If the thesis for some reason can not be written in English, there must at least be an English abstract. If the Frontiers logo due to local regulations for the appearance of theses can not appear on the cover, the logo must be conspicuously placed in the first few pages. Each thesis presentation/defence is to be publicly announced on the Frontiers web site. A pdf thesis version is to be delivered and made available on the Frontiers web site unless the work is (to be) published in a scientific journal, in which case at least an (English) abstract is required.

A student eligible for taking on a joint Frontiers master thesis can also become a “Frontiers student” by participating in Frontiers labelled courses at another partner university than his/her home university to an extent of at least 10 ECTS. These courses are listed on the Frontiers web page.