

## Application Terms and Conditions for Foundation Nakao Grants

These terms and conditions apply to all grants offered by Foundation Nakao. The conditions may be modified from time to time. Please check the current version before applying for one of the grants; you can find them on our website under the following link: [www.foundation-nakao.com](http://www.foundation-nakao.com)

### I. Who we are

In September 2018, *Foundation Nakao for World-wide Oral Health* was established in Luzern, Switzerland. Mr. Nakao, owner and Chairman of GC Corporation has donated his privately-owned stocks of GC Corporation in order to provide funds with which the foundation will operate. The foundation will be funded by both - the dividends from Mr. Nakao's shares as well as contributions from GC group companies. The Foundation's aim is to contribute to the realization of a truly healthy long-living society and a high quality of life by supporting research and analysis to improve global oral health.

### II. What we fund

In order to reach the aforementioned goals, Foundation Nakao's purpose is to support valuable basic research, clinical research and educational program in oral health contributing to a healthy and long-living society and to a high quality of life. Therefore, the Foundation promotes academic research and clinical study and intends to share the outcomes and achievements of the granted study project with dental professionals and industry as well as global citizens. Your project should fall into one of the following scope:

#### 1. Minimum Intervention Dentistry

At the IADR General Session & Exhibition in Nice, France in 2000, GC proposed the concept of MI: Minimum Intervention with three key approaches: Identification, Prevention and Control. Since then, GC has been continuously promoting this concept.

We would like to contribute to projects seeking for preserving natural teeth and oral functions and we believe in the concept of Minimum Intervention, so please send us your research ideas in this area.

#### 2. Oral Health for Ageing Population

GC Corporation is headquartered in Japan. Japan is the fastest aging country in the world with the triple crown: the ratio of the elderly population aged 65 or more, the aging rate of and the life expectancy. Setting the preservation of twenty or more teeth for all individuals until the age of 80 as a goal, the Japan Dental Association has been promoting the 8020 Campaign as a core of the Healthy Japan 21: the National Health Promotion Campaign for the

21st century. The achievements of the 8020 Campaign have been highly evaluated by medical professionals. More than 50% of people aged 80 in Japan maintain more than 20 of their own teeth and enjoy eating. Clear evidence shows that this high retention of own teeth backed by 8020 Campaign supports healthy life and high quality of life of Japanese people.

Foundation Nakao would like to support the 8020 Campaign, so please send us your ideas for a proper contribution.

### **3. Oral Functions**

In the past, dental medicine has frequently given priority to tooth shape and esthetics. However, nowadays, dental medicine has been shifting its focus to functionality, considering that “Oral health is a crucial function supporting people’s life”.

Please send us your research proposal related to oral functions.

### **4. Oral Frailty**

A new concept of “Oral Frailty” has been proposed, and concrete measures and academic evidence are needed. There is limited evidence in this regard yet and Foundation Nakao believes that there is a high potential with respect to its general goals.

Foundation Nakao aims to promote this research area, thus we are looking forward to receiving your concept in this regard.

### **5. Oral Health Literacy**

Oral health literacy is known to be associated with differences in oral health behaviors and status. Populations with low oral health literacy are usually considered at higher risk for oral diseases and related health issues.

The Nakao Foundation would like to support projects aiming at improving people’s oral health literacy.

Please note that Foundation Nakao has set its goals and concept which is why we are bound to the aforementioned topics and unfortunately cannot accept a project in any other area.

## **III. Who we fund (Eligibility criteria)**

Foundation Nakao aims to support projects contributing to its defined goals and submitted by the following categories of applicants (please see application form):

- Government Organization
- Non Government Organization
- University
- Research Institution
- Other (please specify)

We would like to know who has been contributed to your project, so please mention everybody who has been supporting you with your project.

#### **IV. The grant**

This year, the Nakao Foundation will provide a financial support for up to 6 applications by means of an amount of up to 50,000 CHF each. The final disbursed amount depends on the amount requested in the application but is limited to 50,000 CHF/year. Therefore, we kindly ask you to send us your budget and detailed budget justification for your project with your application.

The duration of your project may take several years. If a project proposal is sufficiently promising aligning with the Foundation's goals, additional funding up to 50,000 CHF per year will be considered, based on the evaluation interim progress reports and available resources.

#### **V. Application Process, Application Form and Deadline**

In order to apply for the grant offered by Foundation Nakao each year, please complete the application form which you can find on the foundation's website at : [www.foundation-nakao.com](http://www.foundation-nakao.com)  
Please attach the following documents mentioned in the application form, namely

1. Summary/Abstract
2. Background
3. Hypothesis and specific aim
4. Protocol, Methods
5. Significance
6. Key personnel including one-pager BioSketch
7. Budget and justifications
8. Description of milestones (project timeline including Interim report schedule)
9. References

All documents should be prepared in MS Word & PDF (Excel can be used for 6. Budget and justifications). Use a font size of 12 point, single spacing, normal or moderate margins on A4 paper size (Maximum total pages should be 9 pages or less).

When preparing the budget and budget justification, Please be aware the foundation only supports direct costs. Funds cannot be used to support indirect ("overhead") costs. Funds can be used to support salary, equipment and supplies but the budget must fully be justified in written narrative. Please note that only complete applications are considered for review. In addition, applications that do not adhere to these Application Terms and Conditions will be returned for revision, re-application or rejected.

Each year, during the open acceptance period the completed application must be submitted via email to [info@foundation-nakao.com](mailto:info@foundation-nakao.com). In 2020, this submission deadline is 11th December 2020. For following years, please visit the Nakao Foundation website for yearly submission deadline. Please be aware that we will not consider application submitted after that date.

Your application will be considered for the selection process in the year that the application has been submitted. If you have not been selected, you are free to submit a new application in the following year. The study project of your application may then be the same or slightly adjusted or even different (within the five aforementioned research areas).

After all the applications have been submitted, they will be reviewed by the Foundation Board and the Management Board of Foundation Nakao. The founding members of the Foundation represent the Foundation Board; inter alia, they appoint the members of the Management Board which again take over the management of the Foundation. The Management Board of Foundation Nakao consists of a team of distinguished dental professionals from four continents - Europe, America, Australia and Asia. The whole review process will take about three months. After the successful recipient(s) has/have been selected by the aforementioned Boards, the recipient(s) will be informed by email. After informing the selected funding recipient(s), the remaining applicants will be informed as well.

Final report needs to be submitted no longer than 12 months after completion of project for review by the Foundation Board and the Management Board of Foundation Nakao for approval. Since the Foundation and Management Boards evaluate the quality of the results, you agree that you will publish your study results only if the Foundation and Management Boards have given their consent before.

#### Publications:

All presentations and publications (as well as posters and/or abstracts at scientific meetings) that result from the support provided by the funding should acknowledge such support in writing. The following citation is suggested; "Funding for this project [research title], has been provided through a grant from *Foundation Nakao for World-wide Oral Health.*"

The Funding will be made to grantee as defined in the above Clause III. The investigator(s) is responsible for the scientific conduct of the research and the grantee is responsible for financial and administrative matters. The grantee is responsible for the administration of the funds in accordance with acceptable policies and procedures for sponsored project accounting and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding.

#### **VI. Liability**

The applicants are solely liable for the compliance with the laws and any other regulations applicable for scientific research projects and any other category of projects (for example the Guidelines for animal or human being research). This is valid for the application process as well as the duration of the research project.

#### **VII. Data Processing**

With submitting your application via email, you give your consent that Foundation Nakao, respectively all people included in the selection process will process your data. Your personal data and study documents will be stored electronically for the duration of the review process. After the

funding recipient(s) has/have been selected and in case you have not been selected, your data and all the documents that you submitted will be deleted. In case you have been selected, your data and documents will be stored at least for the duration of the project. There will be a separate data privacy agreement for this case after the funding recipients have been selected.

#### **VIII. Miscellaneous**

1. You shall have no right to claim the grant. The decision about providing a grant is in the Foundation`s sole discretion.
2. The applicable law for any disputes regarding to the grants is Swiss Law. The court of competent jurisdiction is the Canton Court of Lucerne.
3. In the event that any provision of these Terms and Conditions is or becomes wholly or partially invalid or unenforceable, or in the event that these T&C`s contain unintentional loopholes, this shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of these T&C`s. In lieu of such ineffective, unenforceable or unenforceable provision, such effective and enforceable provision shall be deemed to have been agreed between the parties as the parties would have agreed, taking into account the economic purpose of these Terms and Conditions, if they were ineffective, impracticable or lacking the relevant at the time of entering into these Terms and Conditions would have been aware.