Max Planck Partner Groups
for
Junior scientists/postdoc and junior faculty

General
Max Planck Partner Groups have been developed as an instrument for the support of collaborative research in target areas which are scientifically promising and innovative, geared to the future and of mutual interest to Max Planck Institutes (MPI) and to the designated partner institutions. Max Planck Partner Groups enable both the MPI and the Head of the Partner Group to continue a sustained scientific interaction.

Candidates for Max Planck Partner Groups are designated by the President of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft. Heading a Max Planck Partner Group is a distinction. Partner Groups are led by outstanding former foreign guest researchers of MPI who have returned or are about to return to a high-performance research institution/university in their home country.

The Max Planck Partner Group is initially established for a three-year period, allowing the scientists to build up their own research group and to remain in close research interaction with an MPI. It can be extended by two years (maximum period: five years) based on the outcome of the mid-term review and the recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Board.

Qualification and Nomination
Nominations for Partner Groups by the Directors of Max Planck Institutes are addressed to the President of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft. Candidates should be scientists of proven excellence at postdoc/young faculty level who have spent minimum 12 months at an MPI. Nominees should have obtained their doctorate no longer than seven years ago (for a doctorate in medicine: no longer than nine years).

Candidates who are not working at a research institution/university in their home country at the time of nomination, are expected to find such a position within 6 months of the official approval of the Partner Group.

Funding and contractual arrangements
Partner Groups are governed by a bilateral agreement between the MPI and the host institution abroad. Partner Groups are funded from the MPG central budget with up to € 20,000 p.a. for up to 5 years. Funds can, for example, be used to cover the costs for travel expenses, workshops, doctoral students and postdocs, as well as smaller equipment.
Nomination Modalities

The nomination documents are to be submitted by the Director of the Max Planck Institute to the President of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft with an electronic copy to Ms. Renate Bischof-Drewitz (bischof-drewitz@gv.mpg.de). The programme for Max Planck Partner Groups is open to all MPIs with the exception of the IPP.

Documents to be submitted

The following documents should be submitted:

1. Cover Page (see below)
2. Letter of reference (laudation) for the candidate from the Director of MPI
3. Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)
4. List of publications (max. 3 pages)
5. Short project description and planned research activities which should also elaborate on the intended bilateral cooperation with the MPI and the added value of the Partner Group (2-3 pages)
6. Draft budget for the first three years
7. Letter of intent by the Director of the host institution in which the acceptance to host a Partner Group is declared (1 page)
8. Names and contact details of six potential reviewers (max. two from Germany, max. two from the host county and the others from third countries)
9. For candidates who at the time of nomination are not based in the host country, please state: The name of the host institution to which the candidate will return and the date by when the candidate will take up this position.

(March 2017)
### Candidate for the Head of a Partner Group

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Field of research:

Key words:

Brief summary describing research activities and objectives (max 80 words):

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### Director of Max Planck Institute:

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### Summary overview of the Budget for the first three years of operations

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**Total Expenses**

¹ Consumables, office expenses, books and publications, computer time and services, laboratory supplies, spare parts, maintenance, installations

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Date

Signature Director of Max Planck Institute