No-cost extension

It is possible to apply for an ‘up to 12 month’ no-cost extension following the regular 36 months grant period. This extra time is intended to allow you to spend any remaining funds at the end of the 36 months (i.e. no further funds will be provided). It is particularly useful for work contracts that go beyond the 36 month initial period of the grant.

The no-cost extension request should be sent by the PI of the team on behalf of all the team members by email to grant@hfsp.org a few months before the official termination date. The extension applies to all team members.

- For an ‘up to 6 month’ no-cost extension, a simple email request is sufficient.

- For a 7 to 12 month no-cost extension we need a short argued request by email (examples: changes in institute of a partner, problems in recruiting the right post-doc, changes in student or post-doc during the project, delays in acquiring equipment, delays in one partner providing an essential tool, clone, antibody, mouse line etc. to the other partners).

We will send a formal no-cost extension letter normally within a couple of days of receipt of your request. The final financial reports of all team members and the scientific report will be due within two months after the new termination date. If you have a no-cost extension there is no ‘end of third year’ reporting.

Please be sure that the funds are used by the end of 48 months as no further extensions are possible and we are required to request the return of unspent funds exceeding 10,000 USD for the whole team (negative balances of one partner cannot be used to justify more unspent funds elsewhere). If one of the team members anticipates problems to use the remaining funds, it is possible to request a transfer of those funds between team members at the beginning of the extension.

Finally, please note that you may make a new application (with a different subject, different team), but that this cannot start until after the termination of the current award (including the no-cost extension period), and the approval of the final reports.

For teams awarded from 2017 to 2020, due to the Covid 19 pandemic and its impact on research activities, HFSP can allow exceptional no-cost extensions. Please check this option with your team members whenever appropriate and let us know if such an extension is necessary.