Guidelines (Updated Version 04-23-21)

Centre for the Advanced Study of Collective Behaviour (CASCB) Funding Line:

MEDIUM MONEY 21

1. Objectives
The CASCB funding line “Medium Money 21” is based on the temporary availability of open funding in 2021 and can provide grants of up to 80'000 EUR to be completely spent for cluster-relevant research projects within the same year of application. These funds are to enable researchers to launch short-term projects, procure equipment for current and future projects, top up running costs for consumables, or provide bridging salaries for already employed researchers or technical staff. Funds should be used within the overall framework of the main research areas and goals of the CASCB and can be applied to in parallel to other internal funding sources.

2. Funding Scope
Grants can be awarded up to 80,000 Euros. Proposals can include equipment or coverage of consumables and salaries (bridging employment maximally fundable until Dec 2021; no new staff hires; student or field assistant contracts are fundable if the duration does not extend beyond Dec 2021) for already running projects. Proposals will not be considered if they can be funded from existing money already allocated to currently funded projects. Top-ups must be justified taking into account the 2021 allocated project budget. Top-up money needs to be spent or allocated to the cluster cost centre by the end of September 2021. Otherwise funds will expire, depending on the budget situation by mid-year.

3. Eligibility
Any member of the University of Konstanz or Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior holding a PhD is eligible to submit proposals. Proposals will be pre-screened by the cluster office for eligibility with formal funding conditions before further review.

4. Proposal and Decision-Making Process
The proposal process for the Medium Money 21 funding line consists of a 2-3-page proposal. Proposals must be submitted via the Medium Money 21 TEMPLATE on the cluster website. The following general funding criteria apply:
   — Overall contribution or benefit to cluster projects or cluster research landscape;
   — Scientific quality of the proposed research question or method;
   — Innovation (new aspects this project or purchase will add to the cluster or a certain project)
   — Interdisciplinarity (how will different scientific disciplines interact and benefit)

Decisions on Medium Money 21 proposals will be made by the CASCB via its 10-member Board. Proposals will be reviewed by two internal reviewers, whose recommendations will form the basis of the final decision made by the Board.
5. Deadlines and submission:

- **Sunday, May 16th 2021**
- **Sunday, August 1st, 2021**

Please submit project proposals to: Alexandra Wild alexandra.wild@uni-konstanz.de