

# HELMHOLTZ

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المؤسسة الإسرائيلية للعلوم  
Israel Science Foundation



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Dear Israel Science Foundation Grantees,

In our ongoing effort to enhance scientific collaboration between Israel and Germany, we are delighted to announce the launch of a new funding track. This initiative aims to provide support for scientists who have received an ISF Personal Research Grant (PRG) and those affiliated with the 'Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers'.

The Helmholtz Association includes 18 research centers focusing their research in six Research Fields: Energy; Earth and Environment; Health; Information; Aeronautics; Space and Transport; Matter. The list of Helmholtz Association Research Centers participating in this initiative and the relevant contact person for each can be found below.

This program facilitates short visits (min 10 days) for Israeli scientists to one of the Helmholtz Association Research Centers listed below, to foster the potential for future collaborations.

Eligibility extends to all Israeli Principal Investigators (PIs) holding an active PRG. Support is limited to one trip per PRG and must take place before September 30th, 2025.

Funding for flights to and from Germany (economy class) will be provided by the ISF. There is no central funding available from the Helmholtz Association. Local costs covered by the individual Helmholtz Center via the German PI wishing to host an ISF grantee (ISF PRG holder). Hosting of an ISF grantee is at the discretion of the individual Center and subject to an internal screening procedure.

The visiting Israeli scientist must maintain his/her employment contract in Israel.

To apply, Israeli PIs, must initiate the contact with a PI working in one of the listed Helmholtz Research Centers (see below) and obtain approval for the collaborative research meeting.

## **Helmholtz Association Requirements:**

The Israeli PI will follow the requirements and schedule of each Helmholtz Research Center and will send the required documentation to the German PI and the relevant Helmholtz Research Center contact person, (listed below). The German PI will apply to his/her Helmholtz Research Center for processing the application.

## **ISF's Requirement:**

The ISF attached form should be submitted by e-mail to the ISF at [isf-helmholtz@isf.org.il](mailto:isf-helmholtz@isf.org.il) by May 7, 2024.

After the ISF's eligibility check, the final decisions will be made by the relevant Helmholtz Research Center.

The ISF funding of this initiative will come forth only after receiving an official approval from the relevant Helmholtz Research Center (via the Israeli PI, to: [isf-helmholtz@isf.org.il](mailto:isf-helmholtz@isf.org.il) ).

## **Helmholtz Association Research Centers and Contact People :**

- **German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ)**  
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- **Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY**  
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- **GEOMAR Helmholtz Center for Ocean Research Kiel**  
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- **Helmholtz –Zentrum Berlin for Materials and Energy (HZB)**  
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- **CISPA Helmholtz Center for Information Security**  
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