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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Mauerberger Foundation Fund has established a Research Award for Transformative Technologies for Africa ("MFF Research Award"). The goal of this Research Award is to draw upon Israeli inventiveness and innovation in applied science with a focused impact on tackling major development needs of African countries and communities.

This year's call invites applications for Research Grants to support excellent research in the broad area of **Solar Energy and in particular Solar Energy Storage.** A demonstration of understanding of the practical problems and implications is critical, preferably via direct interaction with African scientists and/or experts.

The proposals are required to provide a clear problem statement or hypothesis, alongside a working plan that will result in long-term collaboration and impact on solar derived power storage in the African continent. Proposals budgeted up to \$180,000 for two years will be reviewed. The involvement of early career scientists and postdocs is desirable. Proposals may be submitted from full-time faculty members at Israeli universities.

Proposals no longer than **15 pages** + cv (including list of the last 5 years of publications) should be submitted electronically in PDF format to the Office of the Executive Vice President for Research at the Technion (<u>evpr.researchsec@technion.ac.il</u>) by **April 5, 2020**. Selected proposals will be announced at May, 2020.

An award ceremony will be held during the Board of Governors 2020 meeting (7-10/06.2020) at the Technion, We ask that you confirm that one representative from the group will be present to join the awardees on the podium to receive the grant (We will inform the winners of the exact date and time).