**Call for Proposals 2017-2018**

**Tel Aviv University Breakthrough Innovative Research Grants**

The aim of this new pilot project is to facilitate highly innovative research projects having breakthrough ideas which have great potential but are at early stages.

In most cases, funding agencies are conservative and typically fund incremental work or research that is already well on its way. This pattern places hurdles in the way of advancing highly novel research ideas. The current call aims to bypass this hurdle and support highly original research proposals.

To this end, Tel Aviv University (TAU) will select for support up to **3** promising research projects, each for a period of one year.

Funding will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a committee appointed and chaired by the Vice President for R&D of TAU.

**Selection criteria**

* The call is **not** limited to any specific academic fields. Proposals can focus either on one discipline or be of interdisciplinary character. Preference will be given to interdisciplinary projects.
* A breakthrough proposal – highly novel.
* Clearly formulated goals and defined research focus.
* Academic excellence of the PI.
* The need for the funding as a seed funding for future development of the subject under study.
* Clear, detailed and justified budget.

**Process**

Projects will be selected by a scholars committee appointed and headed by the Vice President for Research and Development of Tel Aviv University.

The grants will be provided for a period of one year.

A progress report will be required within two months after completion of the grant.

Each individual grant will be at the **$100K-$150K** range.

**Submission Instructions and deadlines**

* Principal investigators should be faculty members (at all levels of tenure track).
* Researchers cannot submit more than one proposal per cycle.
* Proposals should be submitted in English.
* An abstract is required which clearly outlines the overarching goals of the research proposal (not exceeding 250 words).
* The research project description should not exceed 5 pages (1.5 line spacing, 12-point characters), excluding references, CVs (2 pages max each), budget, and budget justification.
* Budget items may include student fellowships, postdocs, specialist time, equipment, consumables, disposables and/or services (such as: computing, data analysis costs). Workshop support is also possible.
* Endorsement by the Dean or Department Head or equivalent should be attached.

The deadline for submission of the proposals is Sunday January 14, 2018.

Researchers should submit the proposal electronically as PDF or Word files to Sharon Paz (sharonp4@post.tau.ac.il) at TAU.

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