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# Call for HUJI-IITD Collaborative Project Proposals

## Joint Call for Collaborative Projects and Exchange Activities

### Introduction

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (HUJI) and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD) are contributing matching funds to support collaborative and interdisciplinary education and research initiatives, through a joint call for proposals, for the development of collaborative activities that will lead to impactful research outcomes.

This is similar to the Multi Institutional Faculty Interdisciplinary Projects (MFIRP) programme at IIT Delhi. It is expected that the faculty members of IITD and HUJI, will jointly prepare a suitable full proposal for further, possibly external, funding post completion of the successful project tenure of one year. This is in addition to research output(s) such as publications, and is an important measure of success for the project in order to ensure its viability and sustainability.

### 1. Project Areas

- i) This call invites research proposals in areas of mutual interest and complementarity that strengthen partnership between HUJI and IITD.
- ii) Proposals must include participants from both institutions, and we would encourage projects of an interdisciplinary nature, where relevant
- iii) Proposals from all fields are welcome including Computer science, Biomedical science/Life science, Environment, and Chemistry
- iv) Up to five joint projects will be selected for funding.
- v) Proposals will be assessed by a committee composed of members from both the institutes

### 2. Eligibility for participants within the scope of this call

Call is open to faculty members of IITD and HUJI

### 3. Collaboration Activities

Collaboration activities may be based on joint projects set up by faculty/staff members of both institutions, including:

- Joint research projects
- Joint Master student
- Any other form of partnerships, to be promoted and implemented jointly when both HUJI and IITD find it mutually beneficial

#### 4. Value and Duration of Award

Up to five successful project proposals will be chosen. Funding will be jointly provided by HUJI and IITD, with 50% going to the academic at each respective institution.

Each successful proposal will receive up to \$8000 for 2 years – up to \$4000 for HUJI faculty member from HUJI and Rs. 5 Lakh for IITD faculty member from IITD for the first year.

A similar funds in the second year will be given after the review of the annual progress report and submission of full proposal to external agency.

IITD faculty members may note that the funds can be used for consumables, contingencies and support staff salary. However, the supporting staff should not receive funding from two sources at a time. Out of the total project fund of Rs. 10 Lakh for 2 years, an amount of Rs. 1.5 Lakh may be allocated for travel to HUJI.

The budget provided by IITD and HUJI should be spent as per norms and regulations followed in each institute.

#### 5. Timeline

<b>Call for proposals</b>	16 February 2021 (Tuesday)
<b>Deadline for submission of proposal</b>	16 April 2021 (Friday)
<b>Communication of Results to applicants</b>	By 14 May 2021
<b>Start date of Awards</b>	1 June, 2021

#### 6. Identifying Academics at IITD and HUJI

- i) In order to identify academics at either institution, please refer to the institutional websites in the first instance. These are <http://www.iitd.ac.in/> and <https://en.huji.ac.il/en>
- ii) If further help is required, then IIT Delhi applicants should contact Professor Sunil Kumar Khare at [deanrnd@admin.iitd.ac.in](mailto:deanrnd@admin.iitd.ac.in) whilst HUJI applicants should touch base with Ms. Almog Liberman at [outgoing@savion.huji.ac.il](mailto:outgoing@savion.huji.ac.il) to seek help.

#### 7. Submission of Proposals

- i) Proposals are to be prepared and submitted jointly.
- ii) Compilation of the proposal will be handled by IITD through a MFIRP on-line form. It is therefore crucial that HUJI academics, in particular the lead Principal Investigator, liaise closely with their IITD counterparts as they will be responsible for filling an on-line form. A copy of the MFIRP online form can be found in the link given below:  
[http://ird.iitd.ac.in/sites/default/files/ird\\_circulars/MFIRP-Proposal%20Format.pdf](http://ird.iitd.ac.in/sites/default/files/ird_circulars/MFIRP-Proposal%20Format.pdf)
- iii) It is vital that both the IITD and HUJI counterparts are in full agreement on all aspects of the proposal prior to formal submission.

- iv) Faculty PI from HUJI will submit the hard copy of the same proposal to Ms. Almog Liberman of HUJI International office.
- v) The IITD counterpart will be responsible for submitting the final proposal on/before 16 April 2021.

## 8. Adjudication

- i) Proposals received by IITD and HUJI will be evaluated by a separate review at each institution.
- ii) Selection Criteria: Both internal review committees will assess each proposal according to the following criteria:
  - **Academic Quality of the Project** (Novelty & Originality & Expertise of PIs & Co-PIs in the proposed area)
  - **Project impact** (how clearly linked are the outcomes to the planned activities and performance indicators, such as joint papers, patents, external funding applications, joint research with industry, proposal for policy recommendations, etc.)
  - **Capacity for future collaboration** (what is the extent to which future collaborations are possible as a result of the proposed activities.)
- iii) A joint committee will convene to select final project proposals.

## 9. Communication of Results

Final results will be announced by means of a communication to the successful faculty members or PIs by each institution, by 14 May 2021.

## 10. Reporting After Project Completion

All awardees must, as a condition of receiving an award under this call, complete a narrative report of achievements (of between 1 and 2 pages), and how they intend to take the research forward beyond the funding period. This should be completed within 3 months of completion of the project.

## 11. Contacts

For any clarification points or questions on the joint call, please do not hesitate to contact the colleagues listed below.

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