



Call for Proposals for Joint Research Projects On Biophysics Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München - Tel Aviv University

1. Introduction and Purpose

- The LMU-TAU Joint Research Program is intended to support and promote joint research projects carried out by TAU and LMU research groups through a Call for Proposals. Researchers affiliated with each institution [Principal Investigators (“PIs”)] are invited to jointly submit research proposals for the development of collaborative research projects and the exchange of researchers between TAU and LMU (a “Project”) under the terms and conditions described below. The field of interest for this Call for Proposals is **Biophysics**.

3. Projects

- Up to four (4) joint projects will be selected by means of a call for proposals issued jointly by the two Institutions.
- To be eligible under the Program, a Project must include research team participants from both Institutions. Eligibility to serve as the person responsible for the scientific and scholarly conduct of a Project (the PI) will be determined in accordance with the policies and procedures of the relevant Institution. Submissions are made jointly by two PIs, one from LMU and one from TAU, each submitting the same proposal for a Project to his or her own Institution. All proposals will be in English in a standard format as may be agreed by the Institutions, including an abstract, a brief (2-page) description of the project, detailed budget and CVs of the respective PIs.
- The proposals will be assessed and recommended for selection by a committee composed of members from both Institutions appointed by the Vice-Presidents for Research and Development/Innovation or their designate. The committee will operate under terms of reference established jointly by the Institutions.
- Each Project will be for one (1) year, unless otherwise agreed by the Institutions.
- The funding provided by the Universities is intended to support research expenses, including but not limited to costs related to funding exchange of researchers (students, post-doctoral fellows, research associates and/or PIs) between the institutions, and direct research costs (performing and analyzing experiments).

4. Value and Funding Principles

Successful joint proposals will receive up to a maximum of € 46,250 overall. TAU will provide each approved project up to € 23,125, and LMU will provide each approved project up to € 23,125, each in support of their respective researchers.

5. Eligibility

Those eligible to submit proposals are researchers who are affiliated with TAU and LMU. Collaborators from other institutions besides TAU and LMU are eligible to participate in projects but are not eligible for any financial support from TAU or LMU.



6. Intellectual Property

- a) Definitions. In this Call for Proposals,
- i. "Background Intellectual Property" means Intellectual Property of a Party that is: proprietary to that Party and was conceived, created, or developed prior to the execution of this Agreement, or will be conceived, created or developed following execution of this Agreement independent of, any research performed pursuant to or related to this Agreement or a Project hereunder; and in each case, that is necessary for the performance of a Project.
 - ii. "Foreground Intellectual Property" means Intellectual Property that is discovered, created or reduced to practice in the performance of a Project.
 - iii. "Intellectual Property" (or "IP") means all intellectual property, including technical information, know-how, models, drawings, specifications, prototypes, inventions and software.
- b) Ownership
- i. Background Intellectual Property of a Party shall remain the exclusive property of such Party.
 - ii. LMU shall own all Foreground Intellectual Property created solely by LMU's personnel.
 - iii. TAU shall own all Foreground Intellectual Property created solely by TAU's personnel.
 - iv. Commercialization of Joint IP. Both parties will agree to negotiate in good faith the terms of an inter-institutional agreement through which the Joint IP may be commercialized.

TAU and LMU agree that each party has its own pre-existing proprietary rights that are not affected by this Call for Proposals. If TAU personnel and LMU personnel are co-inventors of any result or invention, the parties will negotiate in good faith and enter into an inter-institutional agreement relating to the protection, use and commercialization of such joint result or invention.

7. Timeline for 2017 Call for Joint Research Proposals –

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Call for Proposals announced on TAU and LMU websites and/or distributed by email	9 May, 2018
Closing date for submission of proposals	9 June, 2018
Project adjudication: Projects will be reviewed by the TAU and LMU committee members, which will reach a mutual decision based on all votes of the committee members.	20 June, 2018
Notification of results	25 June, 2018

9. Proposal Requirements

Submission to TAU or LMU must be in the form of standard internal grant submissions used by each university respectively, and must adhere to the guidelines listed in this Call for Proposals.



10. Submission of Proposals

- a) Proposals are prepared and submitted jointly. Each proposal must be submitted on or before **June 9th 2018** to both TAU and LMU by the respective PIs.
- b) No proposal will be accepted after the deadline, nor will any addendum or explanation be accepted, unless those explicitly and formally requested by TAU or LMU.
- c) Submissions must be sent electronically by e-mail to:
For TAU applicants:
Sharon Paz, Office of the VP Research and Development
Email: sharonp4@tauex.tau.ac.il

For LMU applicants:
Prof. Dr. Dieter Lüst, program coordinator
Email: dieter.luest@lmu.de
- d) Proposals submitted by any other means will not be accepted.

11. Analysis and Selection

- a) The proposals will be subjected to an administrative review to ensure eligibility and will subsequently be reviewed by way of a competitive process which will evaluate the merit and relevance of the project, the academic excellence of the candidate, the relation of the proposed project to any ongoing research, and the interest of the two institutions. Proposals which do not comply with the terms of the Call for Proposals will be considered “not qualified.”
- b) The TAU Vice President for Research and Development and the LMU Program Coordinator, or their delegates, will convene a mutual *ad hoc* committee comprised of LMU and of TAU researchers to review, approve, and rank proposals received at their respective institutions. Up to four (4) joint proposals will be selected for funding.
- c) Selection of proposals for funding must be agreed to by both parties.

12. Result of the Analysis

Final results will be announced on the TAU and LMU websites and by email to the interested parties.

13. Contract for Selected Projects

Each PI will sign a research agreement with their respective institution, outlining the terms of the award, the use of funds, duration, and other terms consistent with this call for proposals.

14. Final Project Reports

Final projects reports are due to each institution within 2 months after the project ends.

Each report should include:

- A brief summary of the collaborative research project



- A description of the development of human resources – with emphasis on post-doctoral and graduate students associated with the project
- A list of joint publications or papers submitted for publication, conference presentations, and any intellectual property disclosures
- Any other outcomes of the collaborative project
- A description of the likelihood of continued collaboration between the two groups

Reports will be prepared and submitted jointly by both co-applicants to each institution by e-mail to the following contacts:

TAU:

For TAU applicants:

Sharon Pas, Office of the VP for Research and Development

Email: sharonp4@tauex.tau.ac.il

LMU:

For LMU applicants:

Prof. Dr. Dieter Lüst, Program Coordinator

Email: dieter.luest@lmu.de

15. **Grant Cancellation**

TAU and LMU may cancel funding if, during the tenure of the award, one or more facts are deemed serious enough to warrant cancellation, at the discretion of the TAU Vice-President for Research and Development or the TAU Program Coordinator at LMU

16. **Information about the Call for Proposals**

All questions related to this Call for Proposals must be directed to:

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