



Call for Proposals

Tel Aviv University – University of Maryland Joint Research Workshops

Tel Aviv University (TAU) and the University of Maryland (UMD) announce a new round in their program to support joint research collaboration.

Research Topics And Funding Levels

TAU-UMD Joint Research Workshops are intended to help scholars at both institutions to identify complementary research strengths and explore potential collaborations, for which they can then seek significant external funding from entities such as the United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF), the European Union's Horizon 2020 program, the US National Science Foundation, et al.

This call will support two Joint Research Workshops to be held in 2017. Workshops are not limited to a specific academic field. Interdisciplinary projects are especially encouraged.

TAU and UMD will each contribute up to \$7,500 per funded Joint Research Workshop (total of \$15,000/project) for a maximum duration of 12 months.

Allocation of funding: TAU will provide the selected proposals with funding for researchers from TAU visiting UMD. UMD will provide the selected proposals with funding for researchers from UMD visiting TAU.

Guidelines for proposals

Proposals should be submitted jointly, by at least one tenured or tenure-track faculty from each institution. Workshop proposals should involve several TAU and UMD scholars, as well as post-doctoral fellows and/or graduate students. The workshop format and duration are flexible, to be determined by the proposers. Workshops can be held in Tel Aviv or College Park. Projected outcomes should include at least one significant proposal to an external funder. Participants should include both junior and senior scholars.

Submission process and deadlines

Proposals for TAU-UMD Joint Research Workshops should be submitted in English and should not exceed five pages. Proposals should contain:

- Justification and goals of the workshop
- Timeline for the workshop, including proposed program
- Projected outcomes, including at least one significant proposal to an external funding agency
- Location of the workshop
- Detailed budget- separated by Institution; each institution covering its own researcher travel and Host institution covering costs of hosting.

Short bios of the project leaders and a tentative list of the TAU and UMD participants should be attached to the proposal.

Activities eligible for funding:

- a. Travel between UMD and TAU.
- b. Travel expenses (e.g. economy class airfare, train, rental car, etc).
- c. Partial costs for hosting a seminar/conference or workshop.
- d. Accommodation.

The following restrictions apply on the use of funding:

- a. Airfares: only economy class tickets will be funded.
- b. Accommodation: a maximum of two weeks at up to \$250 per night.
- c. Meals and incidentals for Tel Aviv should follow the per diem rate set by (https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem_action.asp?MenuHide=1&CountryCode=1158)
- c. Meals and incidentals for College Park should follow the per diem rate set by (<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100120>)
- d. Workshops: costs to hold a conferences or workshops shall not exceed 50% of the overall budget (excludes travel and accommodation of participants from other University).

Proposals should be submitted to both UMD and TAU at Sharonp4@post.tau.ac.il and scholten@umd.edu

The **deadline** for applications is February 21, 2016.

Selection criteria

Funding for joint research workshops will be awarded on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a joint TAU-UMD committee. The selection of finalists will be made based on the likelihood of attracting substantial subsequent funding from external sources, the academic promise of the proposed project, and the potential long-term impact on fostering collaborations between TAU and UMD.

Particular attention will be paid to the formulation of the goals of the workshop; plans for securing external funding; other projected outcomes; and plans for future joint research, including a time frame.

Financial and Reporting Obligations

Recipients will be required to submit a final report within three months of completion of the project. The report should include an outline of the outcomes of the workshop, an indication of the project's sustainability, a summary of lessons learned in undertaking the project and a detailed account of funds spent. Applicants who fail to submit a final report by the 3-month deadline will not be permitted to submit future applications.

Information about this Call

For any questions, email either the Office of International Affairs at UMD at scholten@umd.edu or the Office of the Vice President for Research and Development at TAU at Sharonp4@post.tau.ac.il.