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Open Call for HSPRC Equipment Purchase Proposals for Sustainable Protein research-

Round 2

Thanks to the generous support of our donors — Barry and Myron Hecht (in the memory of their parents, Esther and Herbert Hecht, after whom the center is named), Stephan Grand and the Tauben family — we have secured funding to enable the acquisition of essential research equipment.

We hereby invite you to submit proposals for equipment to be purchased and placed in Technion infrastructure centers on campus. The equipment will be made available for use according to the rules of the hosting research infrastructure center, and of HSPRC.

HSPRC members would have priority access to the equipment. (The exact access mechanism would be determined and agreed with the hosting infrastructure center/lab, as a prerequisite for purchasing and placing the equipment in a particular infrastructure center.)

Proposals may fall into one of two categories:

1. Equipment funded primarily by HSPRC.
2. Partial funding by HSPRC for equipment purchased by other infrastructure centers.

Each researcher may propose only one piece of equipment for purchase per funding round.

Financial participation of the proposing faculty member or infrastructure center in the purchase is not required, but it will increase the likelihood of the proposal's acceptance. The proposed hosting infrastructure center must provide an official letter stating the importance of the equipment and its relevance to the hosting center, and declaring its agreement to host the equipment and manage its use and maintenance, as a prerequisite for purchasing and placing the equipment in that center.



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The HSPRC will participate in up to 100% of the cost of the proposed equipment or up to \$500,000 (USD) (the lower of the two).

The proposer must provide letters of intention to use the equipment by faculty members (the larger the number of PIs showing interest, and particularly the total amount of funds they are willing to contribute as matching, the higher the likelihood of winning). PIs providing matching funds would have priority in access to the equipment, and a discount on use fees, as agreed between HSPRC and the hosting center.

Submission procedure:

The proposal should not exceed 2 pages in total (excluding price quotes and equipment supplier documents, letters of the proposed hosting center, and of PIs offering matching funds or showing intention to use the equipment). The minimum font size is 11 points. Standard character spacing and a minimum of single line spacing, with margins of 2.5 cm all around are to be used.

Each proposal must be sent as a PDF file and include the following sub-sections:

- Name of the device, model numbers and names of the manufacturers and sales representatives in Israel (if any).
- Relevance of the proposed device to the field of sustainable protein research.
- Cost of the device (attach at least one price quote. If it is decided to move forward with the purchase, several quotes will be required according to the Technion procurement rules).
- The proposing researcher and his/her research fields - and in particular his/her connection to the center's field.
- How will the device serve the community? Names of researchers at Technion who have expressed interest and intention to use this device, and the matching funds they are pledging to contribute to this purchase.



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- Proposed location for the device in a certain Technion infrastructure center (it is required to present the consent letter of the center director to host the equipment and manage its use and maintenance).
- The result of the check/search shows that there is no such device at the Technion (<https://ri.technion.ac.il/technologies/>), or a statement and explanation that such equipment exists, yet it needs to be upgraded. (If it can be shown, e.g. by a letter from the supplier, that there is no such device regionally or in Israel, it would be an additional advantage).
- Specify additional sources for financing the purchase of the device (matching).
- Specify/estimate installation costs and annual maintenance costs.
- Proposals should be submitted to: hsprc_submit@technion.ac.il
- **Deadline for proposal submission: 22/02/26**
- **Announcement of the results: 1/03/26**
- **Target purchase date:** by 30/03/26 (but can be extended)

Upon purchase approval, it is expected that publications that use the equipment will acknowledge the support of HSPRC

Good Luck!!

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