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**Open Call for HSPRC Seed ("Shatil") Grant Proposals for Initiating Collaborative Research in
Sustainable Proteins- Round 2**

After providing two collaborative grants in the previous call, we are excited to announce the second open call for seed grants in collaborative research in sustainable Proteins, in honor and memory of Esther and Herbert Hecht.

The grant aims to promote initial collaborative research across various aspects of the sustainable protein field. Collaboration of at least two Technion researchers from different faculties is required, and the aim is to obtain initial results for a follow-up submission to external grants.

Up to three grants of 50,000USD each will be awarded in this round, for a period of 1 year.

40,000USD will be granted at the project initiation date, and the remaining 10,000USD will be awarded after a follow-up submission to a recognized external competitive grant, recognized by TRDF, within 1 year from project termination.

Each researcher may participate in only one joint proposal per submission round.

The application process and conditions are similar to those of similar internal programs (like RBNI-NEVET):

1. Collaboration with other academic institutions is possible, although HSPRC funding will support Technion researchers only.
2. The proposal must not be funded by other sources (except, for non-Technion collaborators on the proposal, as mentioned in item 1 above).
3. Resulting publications (also for the succeeding grant if awarded) should be affiliated also with the "Esther and Herbert Hecht Sustainable Protein Research Center" and acknowledge.



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Acknowledgements to additional donors may be required, as will be mentioned in the grant award document.

4. Eligibility to submit proposals is according to MANLAM office definitions for internal grants.
5. Granted funds will be processed through the MANLAM office following MANLAM Grants regulations. Expenditures will be permitted only under the Technion's seed funding regulations.
6. The funding may be used for research only (personnel, materials, and use of equipment), and not for equipment purchase or travel.
7. In parallel to the submission of the research proposal by mail, researchers must register the research proposal through the Technion portal: <https://portal.technion.ac.il>

Submission procedure:

- The proposal should not exceed five pages in total (including any drawings, pictures but excluding references). The minimum font size is 11 points. Standard character spacing and a minimum of single line spacing, with margins of minimum 2.5 cm all around are to be used.
- Each proposal must be sent as a PDF file and include the following sub-sections:
 1. Proposal title and names of the collaborating PIs and their faculties (or external affiliations).
 2. Description of the proposed research including current state-of-the-art; research goals and significance; relation to sustainable proteins; research plan; nature of the cooperation of the two or more groups.
 3. Budget breakdown for the main research components.
 4. Specification of current research funding concerning existing parallel or complementary research projects (if any).
- In addition to the proposal itself, each submission must also include:



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1. Short CVs of the proposers (Maximum two pages, font size 11). CVs are expected to span the last five years and include main publications as well as awards and/or major competitive grants, highlighting the ones most relevant to the proposed research.
2. Proposal abstract (as PDF, font size 11, maximum 300 words).

The proposal abstract may be presented to HSPRC donors upon request.

- Proposals should be submitted to: hsprc_submit@technion.ac.il

- **Deadline for proposal submission: 15/02/26**
- Announcement of the results: 30/03/26
- Project initiation: 01/05/26 (but can be discussed)

Good Luck!!

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