To: Faculty Members

Title: The Wilmer Eye Institute-Technion Collaborative Science Program

Funding Agency: The Sisenwein Family Trust

External Deadline(s): 18/11/2026 15:00 IST (Full Proposal)

Cognizant Office: Office of Foundation Relations

Description:

The objective of the Wilmer-Technion Collaborative Science Program ("the Collaborative Science Program") is to support joint projects between Wilmer and the Technion in domains of natural sciences and engineering of interest to both institutions.

By encouraging and supporting collaborations between researchers at Wilmer and the Technion, the program aims to increase and strengthen the ties between the two institutions and to pursue pioneering basic/translational research projects leading to greater understanding, prevention, and/or treatment of ocular disease. Projects should leverage the expertise of the two groups with the intent of generating novel ideas and identifying synergies between basic research and clinical application, through international partnership. The quality and success of the collaborations will be examined by the two institutions, and on the basis of excellence, up to two projects will be offered the possibility to continue for a second year at an increased funding level. After the second year, the progress of the projects will be examined, and if the two institutions agree, one program will be chosen for a third year of activity at the maximum funding level. This program can request a fourth year of funding, at the same level as year 3. If no projects are chosen to continue at years 2, 3 or 4 the program will initiate a new call.

Frequency: The program will have a 1-4 year cycle.

Duration:

- Up to $50,000 per Institution per year, for a total of up to $100,000 per grant per year. Up to four projects will be awarded support. The allocation to each institution will be used for local research and not transferred to the other partner.
- The award may support the following activities:
    - Joint research projects (Collaborative Science Program) between Wilmer and the Technion, which can include short-term reciprocal visits for members of research groups that will be included in each team's budget. Each side will budget its own travel requirements.
    - Workshops to launch or facilitate the Collaborative Science Program.

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- A second year of funding will be offered to up to two of the year 1 grantees, subject to submission Progress Report evaluation of work product review by the Committee, and factors including innovation, relevance, and rigor, will continue to Year 2 with a budget of USD 75,000 – USD 150,000 for each institution. Approval of the budget will be based on the project needs as determined by the committee.
- Competitive renewal for a third and or fourth year of funding for one successful research group will be offered. The selection of the project will be based on Progress Report evaluation of work product review. If approved, the groups will be awarded USD 150,000 for year three, with the possibility of renewal for a fourth year at the same level of support. Upon completion, a final progress report with cited publications will be required, citing funding from the Sisenwein Family Foundation.

Research proposals (consisting of a research narrative and budget) will be solicited from faculty at Wilmer and the Technion. Each proposal must involve at least one principal investigator from each Party but may include additional principal investigators from either of the two Parties. The program will encourage research proposals with breakthrough potential that would capitalize on the synergy between the collaborators.

Indirect Costs:

- Budgets should include direct costs only.

Eligibility: Research Faculty, Tenure-Track Faculty, Tenured Faculty and Emeriti

- Proposals must involve at least one Principal Investigator from each Institution but may involve additional Principal Investigators at the two Institutions.
- Only one application is allowed per PI.
- Technion Research Faculty (עמית מחקר) need to obtain approval from the EVPR prior to submitting an application.

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Mode of application

Applicants from Technion should submit in electronic format (Microsoft Word or one Adobe PDF) via email to E-mail: evpr.researchsec@technion.ac.il. Wilmer applicants should submit the same file to E-mail: PPFWilmer@gmail.com.

The 3-page proposal should concisely describe the research narrative and budget, highlight the project's novelty and significance, and explain how the collaboration is essential to its success. It should outline connections to ongoing projects at both institutions, note any prior or current collaborations among the faculty, and identify potential sources of external funding. **Newly established collaborations are highly encouraged**. Proposals should emphasize breakthrough potential and leverage synergies between Willmer and Technion. The proposal must include a detailed budget within the 3-page limit, showing the division of funds between the two institutions. Up to half of the total award limit may be budgeted for use at each Institution (i.e. funds will not be transferred between Institutions).

Technion applicants: For further information or queries, please contact E-mail: evpr.researchsec@technion.ac.il. Researchers must register the proposal via the Technion portal: https://portal.technion.ac.il (טופס מנל"מ).

Applicants must adhere to Technion regulations for proposal submission. The Technion Grant Procedural Manual can be found [here].

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