

Call for Proposals for Israeli –Taiwanese SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COOPERATION 2010-2012

Within the framework of the Agreement between the Economic and Cultural Offices in Israel and Taiwan, **Taiwanese and Israeli research teams** are hereby invited to submit joint research proposals in **NANOTECHNOLOGY and MEDICAL DEVICES**. (Projects that combine nanotechnology and medical devices will get high priority) to be carried out jointly by Israeli and Taiwanese scientists.

B. MODE OF COOPERATION

Cooperation may take the form of:

- Complementary research activities, where interdependent subprojects of a single program are conducted simultaneously in Taiwan and in Israel with online mutual updating and evaluation
- complementary methodological approaches to a joint problem is conducted in Taiwan and in Israel with online mutual updating and evaluation
- The work program should include mutual visits (see E) and participation in a final workshop (see H 5 b.3)

C. LEVEL OF FUNDING AND PROJECT DURATION

Total budget of the call is 300,000\$ for 2 years, for each side. Funding will be given to projects requiring a budget of up to 50,000\$ for each side (25,000\$ per year for each side). Projects should be planned on a two year basis.

D. ELIGIBILITY

1. Proposals must involve an Israeli Principal Investigator and a Taiwanese Principal Investigator.
2. The Principal Investigator on each side must be affiliated to an academic institution or research institute. Researchers from industry may take part in the program as partners in teams headed by Principal Investigators from an academic institution or research institute.
3. The Principal Investigators are expected to take responsibility for the execution of the research work throughout the duration of the project.

E. Mutual Visits

Participating scientists are encouraged to spend an extended period of time visiting in the institutions of their counterparts. So long as the visits are an integral part of research cooperation, international travel and local expenses of visiting scientists (for the individual visits as well as for the final workshop) will be included in the budget proposal of the project – the expenses for the Israeli visiting Taiwan will be included in the Israeli part of the budget and the expenses of the Taiwanese visiting Israel – in the Taiwanese part of the budget

F. EVALUATION CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

Proposals will be evaluated through a joint procedure based on recommendation of scientific committees. Evaluation will be based on:

- a) Scientific merit;
- b) Extent of existing collaboration between the Taiwanese and the Israeli research teams.
- c) Expected level of collaboration between the Taiwanese and the Israeli research teams

G. For Israeli research teams:

The application forms and accompanying material (in 'pdf' or 'doc' format) should be submitted together on CD.

In addition 10 hard copies of the proposal (application form and accompanying material) should be submitted simultaneously at the following addresses :

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**All applications must be received not later than
24 February 2010.**

H. CONTRACTS, PAYMENTS AND REPORTS

1. The expected starting date for approved projects is 1 July 2010

2. Contracts

Upon approval of a particular project, separate contracts will be signed in Israel and Taiwan, respectively, between the responsible funding agency and the institution of the Principal Investigator. The contracts will include provisions regarding intellectual property rights, as agreed upon by the Taiwanese and Israeli relevant research institutions. A request for the continuation of research funding must be submitted to the responsible agencies on the appropriate forms at least two months prior to the end of the first year of the project, together with the annual scientific report. (Contract example is enclosed)

3. Projects are to be authorized for a period of two years.

However, the responsible agencies reserve the right not to fund a second year of work either for scientific or administrative or budgetary reasons. The responsible agencies reserve the right – in exceptional cases only – to extend the project's period and budget beyond two years but no more than 12 additional months.

4. Payments

Payments will be made in keeping with the provisions of the contracts mentioned above, according to the practices and regulations in effect for each funding agency and depend on budget availability.

5. Reports

a) Financial Reports

Financial reports will be submitted according to the practice of each funding agency, as specified in the research contract.

b) Scientific Reports

b.1) A joint scientific report must be submitted to the funding agencies two months prior to the end of the first year of the research contract, together with the request for continuation of research funding (see Paragraph G[2] above).

b.2) A joint final report covering the work carried out during the entire two-year project period must be submitted within two months of the conclusion of the project. Additional interim progress reports may be required, according to the practices and regulations of each side, as specified in the research contracts.

b.3) The Principal investigators must be ready, to present their final report, in a joint workshop to be held in Taiwan or Israel.

H. INFORMATION

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