

**Israel - MOST**

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Israel's Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology (MOST)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Ministry of Innovation, Science, and Technology (MOST)
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.il/en/departments/ministry_of_science_and_technology/govil-landing-page">https://www.gov.il/en/departments/ministry_of_science_and_technology/govil-landing-page</a>
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<b>Funding Commitment</b>	200,000 Euro
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	2
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	100,000 Euro
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	As appears in call work program and in guide for proposer's documents TRL 2-4
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	1 EURO= 3.8 NIS



**Major eligibility criteria  
(e.g. types of organisations,  
thematic restriction, cost types  
and caps)**

Eligibility is restricted to MOST regulations which can be found on the MOST website:

[https://www.gov.il/he/pages/most\\_researchprocedures2016](https://www.gov.il/he/pages/most_researchprocedures2016)

Proposals must meet the following preconditions. Proposals that do not meet the preconditions will be automatically rejected and will not be passed on to the scientific committee for review and evaluation.

1. Proposals must be conducted by an Israeli scientific research team as part of the joint research team.
2. Each joint research team must be led by a Principal Investigator - Project Coordinator” (PI-PC) from each country.
3. All Principal Investigators (PIs) from Israel must be affiliated with an academic institution, meaning:
  - i. An accredited institution of higher education in Israel, according to the Council for Higher Education Act, 1958.
  - ii. A research institute, which is a non-profit organization, a government company or a governmental unit.

For the purposes of this Call a "Research Institute" in Israel is a research institute whose main activity is the advancement of cutting-edge scientific knowledge, which possesses appropriate infrastructure and equipment, which employs researchers who, inter alia, publish articles related to their research in leading peer- reviewed scientific journals, and who present their research at international scientific symposia. For the avoidance of doubt, this definition does not include publications in internal journals/scientific conferences and/or paid invited reports.

4. All PIs in the research proposal must meet all of the following cumulative conditions:
  - Hold a Ph.D., M.D., DVM, or DMD degree.  
A PI who does not meet this condition but meets all the other conditions and according to the procedures of their Affiliated Institution may submit research proposals on the Institutions behalf, may submit a request for exceptional approval to submit a research proposal in accordance with the terms of the Procedures Regarding Scientific Projects Funded by MOST. In this regard, please note the deadline for submitting requests of this nature.
  - A senior academic faculty member or equivalent who is permanently employed or is on track for tenure at the Affiliated Institution or may be a retired researcher with a Ph.D. or professor emeritus who continues working on research in affiliation with the Affiliated Institution.
  - Head of a research group at an Affiliated Institution - manages an independent research group (has a research team and infrastructure suitable for research).
  - Has permission to manage an independent budget in the Affiliated Institution.

5. In compliance with the updated MOST's Procedures Regarding Scientific Projects Funded by MOST ("[MOST Regulations](#)"), there is no limit on the number of proposal submissions or active grants per PI within MOST's international cooperation programs.
6. Accordingly, a PI-PC or PI may participate in multiple proposals submitted within the framework of this Call for Proposals.
7. Researchers should be advised that after a proposal has been submitted, the status of the members of the research team as Principal Investigator-Project Coordinator (PI-PC) and/ or Principal Investigator (PI) may not be changed for the purpose of compliance with the eligibility requirements listed above. It will be clarified that, the aforementioned limitations regarding changing the status of the members of the research team include the addition of a PI who, at the time of submission, was defined as an external consultant or were not listed in the proposal and/or research group.
8. The program is not intended to fund research in the Israeli industry. It should be emphasized that within the framework of a proposal submitted to this Call, it will not be permitted to include a commercial or industrial company with an interest in or ownership of the IP created during the research. Researchers from industry or the third sector may be included in a research proposal submitted to MOST as subcontractors who will provide services to a research group at an academic institution or research institute (whether in consulting hours, or in preparing materials and facilities), but will not be recognized as a separate research group. It should be emphasized that such subcontractors, including consultants from Israel or abroad, may be used in accordance with the above only if unique expertise is required that does not exist in the Affiliated Institutions partnering in the proposal and if an explanation for this need is included within the framework of the submitted research proposal and in the justification of the budget, as follows:
  - The necessity for a subcontractor/external consultant and the unique expertise will be examined by the relevant representative from the Chief Scientist division who will approve/reject the use of subcontractors/external consultant accordingly. A proposal that is not approved for the use of a subcontractor/external consultant will only be passed on for further evaluation if the PI-PC agrees to conduct the proposed research without the use of a subcontractor/external consultant and within framework of research teams included in the proposal.
  - For the purposes of complying with the terms of this eligibility requirement, subcontractors may not own the knowledge products, including IP, created during the research. A proposal that is found to include such a relationship will be rejected outright.
  - In a proposal that includes consultants, subcontractors and/or entities outside the Affiliated Institutions included in the proposal, the appendix "Subcontractor Questionnaire" (attached in the

	<p>appendices of the Call) must be submitted with the proposal submitted to the Science Forefront system.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b></p>	<p>Proposals must be submitted by the coordinator directly to the M-era-Net website</p> <p>Additionally, The Israeli PI shall submit the pre-proposal through the Science Forefront system, at <a href="https://kf.most.gov.il">https://kf.most.gov.il</a> as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Deadline for researchers' submission:</b> The PI must submit the proposal in English via the Science Forefront system no later than one week prior to the Final Joint Deadline by <b>Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 on 15:00 Israel time.</b></li> <li>• <b>The online system will be closed for submissions after the said date and hour and no <u>researchers'</u> submissions will be accepted after that time. Israeli researchers who have not submitted their proposals by Tuesday, May 5th , 2026, at 15:00 local time (Israel) will not be allowed to submit their proposal.</b></li> <li>• The Affiliated Institution must submit the proposal by the Final Joint Deadline on <b>Tuesday May 12th, 2026 at 15:00 Israel time.</b> Affiliated Institution that fails to submit their proposal through the Science Forefront system by Final Joint Submission deadline, <b>will not be accepted.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b></p>	<p>In accordance with MOST regulations - <a href="https://www.gov.il/he/pages/most_researchprocedures2016">https://www.gov.il/he/pages/most_researchprocedures2016</a></p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p>Please check MOST regulations</p> <p>Israeli researchers should consult administrative matters directly with the Research Authority at their Affiliated Institution. The Institution will contact the Ministry in case of necessity.</p>