The Center for Combating Pandemics
Tel Aviv University

The Center for Combating Pandemics (TCCP)

To honor the companies and members of the Center for Combating Pandemics (TCCP) at Tel Aviv University.

This call is intended for researchers and researchers from all faculties at Tel Aviv University who registered to be members of TCCP.

The center will support research in any field of knowledge, in experimental sciences and in the fields of the humanities, economics, law, and management.

A list of current academic staff who are registered as members of the center can be found on the center’s website:

https://pandemics.tau.ac.il/node/1450

There are members of the center who have not yet submitted profiles to our site. If you are not sure if your name is listed as a member of the center – ask us.

At the beginning of the fiscal year 2021-2022, the center will distribute up to six grants at a maximum of up to 75,000 shekels each for one year. The grants are intended to support research with a clear connection and potential for study and dealing with pandemics and its effects in medical, technological, social, legal, economic, and social aspects.

Preference will be given to research that covers multiple fields presented by researchers from different faculties.

Proposals will be in a maximum of 5 pages, in Hebrew or English, (Arial font size 11 or Times New Roman 12), 1.5 lines, and will include:

- Title of the research, (one line, up to 120 Hebrew characters) on page 1.
- Personal details of the researchers/who are submitting: Name, academic status, department on page 1.
- Abstract (up to 300 words).
- Scientific background.
- Research objectives: Describe the objectives that can be achieved within one year.
- Description of the methodologies for implementing the research.
- Relevance of the research and its importance for the advancement of the field of pandemics and dealing with them and its effects in medical, technological, social, legal, economic, and social aspects.
- Initial results (if any).
- Bibliography – up to 50 citations.
- Budget requested briefly on one line: XX.XX shekels, variable costs and other costs XX.XX shekels, total XX.XX shekels, which should not exceed 75,000 shekels.

For proposals exceeding the permitted 5 pages:

- Up to 2 additional pages may be submitted covering the entire budget.
- The researcher/who submitted a request in the previous year and received a rating of at least 80, but their requests were not funded, are prohibited from submitting a request in this round.

The research that is funded is not responsible for any of the researchers/who submitted the request in the previous round.

The center will not review the request with the same reviewer from the previous round (reviewer 1, reviewer 2, reviewer 3).
The evaluation process of the requests:

All requests will be evaluated by a scientific committee of the center to handle epidemics and by external judges from the field.

The requests will be evaluated according to:
1. The quality of the request's scientific character
2. Skills, liveness in research and research experience of the candidate;
3. The connection between the proposed research and research and the handling of epidemics and their consequences;
4. Multiple disciplines: collaboration between researchers from different faculties.

Eligibility to submit a request:
The researcher who submits the request must be a member of the center.
When submitting/submitting a number of researchers, at least one of them must be a member of the center.
According to university laws, salaries are not permitted to submit requests for grants funded from university budgets.
A researcher can submit one request only.

Proposal for judges: Each submitter of a request will provide a list of judges and requests for审议 in a separate page, according to the following guidelines:
• Until three researchers will not be submitted to the judges.
• At least six potential judges from the field, according to the following restrictions:
  • They will not be the head of the submitter’s/submitter’s advisor or their advisor's advisor.
  • They will not be students / students who completed advanced degrees under the supervision of the submitter.
  • They will not be collaborators: those who published scientific publications or had joint funding with the submitter.

For submissions returned:
- The submitter is allowed to dismiss one of the judges from the previous committee and request a second round of judges according to the number of judges / judges in the second round.

Proposal text:
Send your application to: benhar@tauex.tau.ac.il or yaelbi@tauex.tau.ac.il.

Please write in the subject line of the e-mail "grant request from TCCP to 2021-2022".
Request submissions that deviate from the general rules (such as deviating from number of pages, budget exceeding 75000 NIS) will not be sent for审议.

Success!

Professor Eiti Benhar, Head of the Center

[Signature]
June 30, 2021

Dear members of the Tel Aviv University Center for Combatting Pandemics (TCCP)

This call is for TCCP members from all the faculties of the University. The TCCP will support studies in Medicine, Life Sciences, Exact Sciences, Engineering, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Economics, Art.

The current list of Senior Faculty members who are listed as members of TCCP can be found at: https://en-pandemics.tau.ac.il/staff. There are TCCP members who are not yet listed on our Web site. If you are not sure that you are listed as a TCCP member, please ask us.

During the academic year 2021-2022, the Tel Aviv University Center for Combatting Pandemics will award up to six Research Grants for an amount of 75,000 NIS each for a one-year project.

The Research Grants will support studies relevant to studying or to combatting pandemics. Multi-disciplinary studies, with teams combining applicants from different Faculties is encouraged.

Applicants should submit a 5-page proposal (Hebrew or English, font: Arial 11/Times New Roman 12, line spacing: 1.5) including:

- Project Title (only one line, up to a maximum of 120 characters) on page 1.
- Principal Investigator(s) (name(s), academic position(s) and affiliation(s)) on page 1.
- Abstract (not exceeding 300 words).
- Scientific Background.
- Specific aims.
- Design (methodology of the study).
- Significance (not exceeding 300 words).
- Preliminary results (if existing)
- References, up to 50
- Requested budget abbreviated in a single text line: Personnel NIS XXX, Consumables and miscellaneous NIS XXX, Total requested budget NIS XXX (up to NIS 75,000)

In additional pages (beyond the 5-pages proposal), the applicants should provide:

- Up to 2 pages of figures, graphs or illustrations.
- A short CV of all the investigators named in the application (NIH format up to 5 pages), and list of publications during the past 5 years.
- Other sources of support (existing or pending).
- Please include details of all current funding and also grants awarded but not started yet, and pending applications that overlap with the submitted project. If there is an overlap, please explain what percentage of the research is non-overlapping with the other project and in the TCCP application.
**Re-submission**: Applicants who applied to the previous call and whose application received a score of at least 80 (but were not funded) are eligible to re-submit their application. To a resubmission you must add a “Letter of re-submission” where you will write how the present submission is different/improved compared to the previous one and how you addressed the comments that were made by the reviewers of the previous application. Applicant who re-submit may request to exclude one reviewer of the previous application (identified according to the letter you received for the TCCP as “reviewer 1, reviewer 2, etc.). Holders of active grants that were awarded to the TCCP are not eligible to apply.

**Review process**: Each application will be reviewed by a Scientific Review Panel of the TCCP committee and by external peer reviewers. The application will be evaluated for its (1) scientific content and rationale; (2) qualifications, experience and productivity of the applicant; (3) the relationship of the research to combatting pandemics and their consequences from a health, technological, social, legal, and economic standpoints. (4) collaboration between applicants from different Faculties.

**Eligibility**: The submitting principal investigator(s) (PI) must be a faculty member at Tel Aviv University and a listed member of the TCCP. When there are more than a single applicant, at least one applicant must be a faculty member at Tel Aviv University and a listed member of the TCCP. Each PI may participate in a single submitted application. According to TAU bylaws, **Emeriti are not eligible** to apply for grants funded from “internal TAU sources”.

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**Suggesting reviewers**: each applicant will provide the following on a separate page:

- Each applicant can ask to exclude up to three potential reviewers (conflict).
- Each applicant should provide a list of at least six potential reviewers from their field of research.
  These potential reviewers should not be:
  - Mentors of the MSc and PhD studies of the applicant.
  - Mentees of MSc and PhD studies under the supervision of the applicant.
  - Collaborators: any researcher who published or who had collaborative funding with the applicant during the past 5 years.

**Applicant who are re-submitting** application that were not funded in the previous round can ask to exclude no more than 1 reviewer and can ask to send their application for re-evaluation by reviewers of the previous application by identifying them as “reviewer 1 . . .” according to the letters you received after your previous application.

**Format of suggested/ excluded reviewer**: Full name, Affiliation, Email address.

**Deadline for proposal submission**: 31/08/2021 at noon.
Funding of selected projects will begin: 1/12/2021.

- Proposals should be submitted electronically as a single PDF file to Prof. Itai Benhar (Director of the TCCP) benhar@tauex.tau.ac.il or to Yael Ben-Ishai (Administrative Assistant of the TCCP) yaelbi@tauex.tau.ac.il.

Please write “TCCP 2021-2022 grant application” in the subject line.
Proposals not written in accordance with the requested format (for example, that exceed the page limit, that ask for more than NIS 75000) will not be considered. Upon submission, an electronic confirmation of receipt will be sent by the TCCP.

Sincerely,

Prof. Itai Benhar
Director, Tel Aviv University Center for Combatting Pandemics