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## **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem – UKSPINE (a consortium led by University of Oxford)**

### **Joint Seed Fund: Call for Proposals 2021**

#### **Connecting Capabilities in Ageing Research and Computational Medicine**

With the goal of facilitating cooperation in the framework of a strategic partnership, the Hebrew University (HUJI) and UKSPINE have established a joint seed money funding scheme. The funding shall enable HUJI and researchers across the UKSPINE network (England) to identify complementary strengths, facilitate the use of synergies, and promote the development of outstanding future research projects.

The joint funding scheme aims at supporting the first steps of a collaboration, including the following formats:

- Intensive Research Workshops
- Short Term Research Stays (young and established researchers)
- Short Term Teaching Stays
- Joint Teaching Modules / Development of Joint Study Programs
- Mobility for the preparation of joint research proposals
- Consumables to support proof of principle studies
- Fees to support data or platform access

The supported activities should have a clearly defined focus and serve as a catalyst for the development of new joint projects. The activities can take place in HUJI or in England; participants should include both senior and junior faculty/researchers (PhD students or Post Docs) of HUJI and UKSPINE Academic institutes.

The motivation for holding the activity should be clearly explained, including how the involved HUJI and UKSPINE institutes or departments can profit long term from this cooperation and what synergies can arise. The funding scheme is not limited to a specific academic field, the activities can be either focused on one discipline or be of interdisciplinary character.

#### **Funding**

The joint seed fund operates with a total annual budget of £ 20,000 (£ 10,000 from each side) from each side. Up to 4 Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of £ 5,000 for up to one year.

Each university will provide its own lead investigator with an equivalent amount of funds that can be spent over the course of the grant period.



## Submission of proposals

Proposals must be jointly submitted by faculty members of HUJI and UKSPINE institutions.

## Submission and deadlines

Proposals for the HUJI-UKSPINE seed money scheme should be jointly submitted by HUJI and UKSPINE researcher in English. They should not exceed 4 pages and have the following information attached:

- Timeframe/Date for the activity
- Budget calculation
- Written endorsement statement of respective HUJI/UKSPINE faculty/department.
- Information on project leaders on both sides and list of other HUJI/UKSPINE participants

Joint proposals can be submitted by the following deadline: **9 March 2021**

Researchers should submit their joint proposal simultaneously to HUJI and UKSPINE. Proposals should be sent electronically as one pdf file to the following email addresses:

**At Hebrew University:** Alma Lessing, Email: [almal@savion.huji.ac.il](mailto:almal@savion.huji.ac.il)

**At UK SPINE:** Dr Bryan Adriaanse, Email: [bryan.adriaanse@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:bryan.adriaanse@admin.ox.ac.uk)

## Selection criteria

Seed money funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a joint HUJI-UKSPINE committee, giving particular attention to the following criteria:

- Clearly formulated goals.
- Information on envisaged synergies.
- Level of concreteness of future joint research, incl. timeframe and information on funding programs and steps for developing a joint proposal.
- Compatibility with the HUJI/UKSPINE research profiles (interdisciplinary nature, excellence of project leaders, wide scope of the different fields/labs represented in the proposed workshop).
- Information on how the cooperation can be sustained beyond the initial seed money funding phase.

**For further information** please contact the above listed staff.