

## **The VARDA and BOAZ DOTAN RESEARCH CENTER in HEMATO-ONCOLOGY Tel-Aviv University**

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Dear researchers, clinicians, and TAU faculty members,

The VARDA and BOAZ DOTAN RESEARCH CENTER in HEMATO-ONCOLOGY at the Tel-Aviv University was established in 2014 in order to advance research and clinical practice in the field of hemato-oncology.

During 2018, the Dotan Hemato-Oncology Grant Program will grant 3, one year "Seed Awards", for an amount of \$25000 each. The grants will be devoted for translational research in the field of **hematological malignancies**. We encourage the submission of proposals for research that could ultimately developed and eventually lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will drive the field of hemato-oncology research forward. The proposed research should include a testable hypothesis based on strong scientific rationale. Since the grants are to be viewed as "seed money" for new research ventures they may also be given to project with very little or no preliminary results.

These grants are directed especially to investigators at the beginning of their research career. While potential clinical relevance is important, clinical trials will not be supported. The committee strongly encourage joint projects carried out by a physician and an academic researcher.

### **Eligibility:**

1. The submitting principal investigator (PI) must be a Tel-Aviv University faculty member or a researcher in a Tel-Aviv University-affiliated hospital and a member of the Cancer Biology Research Center (CBRC). Junior clinical faculty members (Instructors) are encouraged to apply.
2. Since we prioritize supporting early career investigators, the suggested project would be carried out by a young investigator/physician supervised by an established faculty member. For the purpose of this grant the young co-PI must be no more than five years from the completion of first of second residency or (for university investigators) not more than 5 years from receiving his/her first academic appointment.
3. A young physician who has no academic degree may submit a grant together with another PI with an academic degree as long as it is clear from the content of the grant that the young physician has a distinct investigative role in the joint project
4. The content of the grant should clearly reflect the role of the young scientist/physician.
5. Collaborating investigators (CIs) may be from other institutions in Israel or abroad. The program encourages collaborations between clinicians and basic scientists. The research must be conducted in Israel. There can be only one PI for each proposal. An investigator may submit only one application as a PI. An investigator may be named in several applications but may receive funding (as PI or CI) for only one project. A PI on the regular CBRC hemato-oncology research grant program, is not eligible for a seed grant.
6. Previous grantees of Dotan grants can apply as long as (a) the previous project is completed and both scientific and financial reports were submitted, or (b) The submitted grant application is for a new project.

Applicants should submit an up to **4-page proposal** excluding references and budget (**English**, font: Arial 11/Times New Roman 12, line spacing: 1.5) including:

- **Project Title** (only one line, up to a maximum of 100 characters, not including spaces) **on page 1.**
- **Principal Investigator** (name, academic position and affiliation); **PIs** (if exist) (name, academic position and affiliation) **on page 1.**
- **Abstract** (not exceeding 300 words) **on page 1.**
- **Scientific Background and preliminary results (if exist).**
- **Specific aims.**
- **Experimental design (outline).**
- **Significance** (not exceeding 300 words).

In additional pages, the applicants should provide:

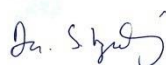
- **Cited bibliography.**
- **Itemized budget** and budget justification
- **A short CV** and list of publications during the past 5 years (NIH format) of each of the scientists involved in the project.
- **A clear statement** describing the role of the young scientist/physician in the projects
- **Other sources of support** (existing or pending). If your project is partially supported by other source, please explain the need for additional funding
- **Available research resources.** Lab space and availability of infrastructure required to carry out the proposed research.
- **Request to exclude reviewers** (potential conflict of interest).
- **Review process:** Each application will be reviewed by a Scientific Review Panel of the Dotan committee and by external peer reviewers. The application will be evaluated for relevance of the research to hematological malignancies, scientific and/or clinical content and significance as well as originality and innovation and appropriateness of the methodology.
- **Deadline** for proposal submission: **01/09/2018.**  
Funding of selected projects will begin: **1/11/2018**
- **Proposals should be submitted electronically to:**

Dr. Judith Ben-Porath  
Operations and Scientific Manager  
Dotan Research Center in Hemato-Oncology  
Tel-Aviv University  
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Proposals not written in accordance with the requested format will not be considered.  
Upon submission, an electronic confirmation of receipt will be sent by Dr. Ben-Porath.

Sincerely,

Prof. Shai Izraeli



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