



The Faculties of Agricultural and Natural Sciences of the University of Hohenheim (FANUHOH) and The Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (FAHUJI)

Call for Collaborative Research Proposals 2022/23

The joint research program of the University of Hohenheim and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was initiated in 1987, with the purpose of promoting a high scientific standard of collaboration. Both Universities are seeking to use this partnership to promote substantial and high impact research.

Objectives of collaboration:

- To promote excellence by supporting challenging and innovative collaborative research carried out at the FANUHOH and the FAHUJI.
- To sponsor research, including exchange of young M.Sc. or Ph.D. students.
- To provide seed money, to facilitate and promote future research projects by other funding bodies (e.g., DFG, EU, GIF, DIP), initiated by early career scientists. Grantees are expected to submit a proposal to external funding sources, at the conclusion of this funding program.

Proposal submission deadline:

- Submission deadline for proposals is **November 15th, 2021**. Please send your proposal as one pdf file to:
 - Ariela Fleger (arielafl@savion.huji.ac.il) and
 - Thilo Rennert (t.rennert@uni-hohenheim.de)

Eligibility:

- Submissions are open to all FAHUJI (tenure-track) and FANUHOH scientists, holding at least a Ph.D. degree. Participation of early career scientists is strongly encouraged.
- Criteria outlined below with the restriction of one "rest" cycle from the year following a successful submission.
- Each investigator may only submit one joint application. One partner on each side is preferred.

Level of funding and project duration:

- Funding for a collaborative research project is limited to a period of two years, starting in early 2022.
- The budget for each 2-year-project is approximately 50,000 € per side for each project.
- Parallel submissions to other funding sources are highly encouraged.

Online matchmaking event:

In order to assist in the partner search, we have scheduled a one-day **joint webinar on May 19th, 2021** at 1pm (Hohenheim)/ 2pm (Israel).

The program including opening words, introductory lightning rounds and breakout rooms will be sent closer to date.

If you would like to join this event and explore this opportunity, please register at:
Thilo Rennert (t.rennert@uni-hohenheim.de) at Hohenheim
Ariela Fleger (arielafl@savion.huji.ac.il) at HUJI

Workshop in Israel:

- The next bi-annual workshop of our joint research program will be at the Hebrew University on **November 1st – 2nd, 2021**, pending COVID developments.
- Applicants are expected to present their projects during the workshop, either in person or via Zoom (pending COVID restrictions).

Application structure:

- Please submit a single proposal, in which the roles of each partner are clearly defined. The proposals (max. 14 pages) should include the following:
 - Project title, names and affiliations of submitting scientists and full contact details
 - Abstract (maximum one page)
 - Body of proposal (maximum five pages) including:
 - Background and rationale
 - Objectives and hypotheses
 - Materials, methods and experimental approach
 - Expected results and outcomes
 - Collaboration (with a clear indication of exchange of postgraduates)
 - Prospect: potential joint projects for future submissions to external funding agencies. Anticipated grant agencies and approximate call dates should be added.
 - References (not counted in page limit)
 - Appendixes:
 - a. Short CV of each partner, inc. academic background, current position and a list of relevant publications from the past 5 years.
 - b. Details of prior submissions to the joint research program, if applicable.
 - c. List of submissions to external German-Israeli funding sources, with previous partners from this funding scheme (including year of submission, source and funding status).
 - One page report on previous projects funded by the joint research program, if applicable.
 - Budget: Results of funded collaborations will be presented at the joint bi-annual workshop. Both partners are requested to earmark at least 500 € within the budget (1,000 € per project) to cover expenses for participation in the workshop. Please justify the budget for each item and present the budget in a yearly format.

Evaluation of proposals

Collaborators who apply after a “rest” period, will need to detail joint submissions to funding agencies that were submitted (and which ones were granted) following previous grant.

A commission, consisting of members of the faculties involved will evaluate the proposals, based on the following criteria:

- Scientific innovation, quality and potential.
- Clear description of project proposals to be submitted to an external funding body, during and upon completion of the project.
- Collaboration and exchange of young M.Sc. and Ph.D. students between FAHUJI and FANUHOH.
- Priority will be given to early career scientists.

For additional details, please refer to Thilo Rennert (t.rennert@uni-hohenheim.de) at Hohenheim or Ariela Fleger (arielafl@savion.huji.ac.il) at HUJI.