UM/Israeli Universities Partnership for Research
Request for Proposals

The U-M/Israeli Universities Partnership for Research, administered by the Life Sciences Institute, seeks proposals for innovative and collaborative research projects in the life sciences.

Proposals can be submitted to either the Fund for Collaborative Research or the Fund for Student and Faculty Research Exchange. Applications related to all areas of the life sciences will be considered, but each proposal must involve a partnership between the U-M and a university in Israel.

Fund for Collaborative Research.
Fosters innovative, disease-based projects involving both U-M and Israeli research teams. Projects will be selected on a competitive basis and might explore problems such as cancer, heart disease or diabetes. Proposals will be judged primarily on scientific merit, depth of collaboration and innovation. The proposal must have co-principal investigators involving at least one faculty member from U-M and one from an Israeli university.

Successful applicants will receive up to $100,000 for one year, with the possibility of a second year of support, depending on progress.

Fund for Student and Faculty Research Exchange.
Supports the international exchange of students, fellows and faculty from U-M and Israeli universities. These research-based exchanges can last between 2 weeks to one year and must have a sponsor from the hosting institution (UM or an Israeli university) in order to ensure meaningful immersion.

Successful applicants will receive up to $50,000 to support an exchange opportunity.

Selection Process

The selection committee will be chaired by Dr. David Ginsburg, James V. Neel Distinguished University Professor of Internal Medicine and Human Genetics; Investigator for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute; and Research Professor in the Life Sciences Institute.

To apply, please submit a research proposal (not to exceed 2-pages excluding references), along with a brief budget summary and NIH-format biosketches for key personnel (as a single PDF) by September 15, 2008 to Ms. Halima Cherif (hcherif@umich.edu). Submitted applications will be acknowledged by email. Successful applicants will be notified by November 1, 2008.