

"SARCOMA 0-40"

Call for Proposals

Understanding and treating sarcomas and mesenchymal tumors are major questions in cancer research and an unmet clinical need. To make a significant impact on sarcomas in children and young adults, the RTICC (Technion) joined forces with the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center (CCCC) at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and the Department of Pediatrics at Indiana University School of Medicine to establish an international multicenter initiative called "Sarcoma 0-40."

We invite Faculty members of the RTICC, CCCC, and Department of Pediatrics at Indiana University School of Medicine to apply for the collaborative joint grants.

The funding will foster synergy between partner institutions (at least two, with the RTICC being one of them at this stage) by combining their complementary expertise, while offering co-mentoring to students, post-doctoral or clinical fellows, as well as hands-on experience in both laboratories.

About the Funding

- The grant application will be submitted by a team of investigators from the collaborating institutions.
- Each team must have at least one young investigator (graduate student/post-doc/MD fellow who will be co-mentored by the submitting PIs.
- The grant will include funding for these aims:
 1. The placement of a student for a period of at least 4 weeks at the partner institution (Mandatory).
 2. A short visit (1-2 weeks) by the American investigators to Israel (Optional).
 3. A short visit (1-2 weeks) by the RTICC investigators to the USA (Optional).
- The applications will be reviewed by a selection committee headed by the project leaders of the Sarcoma project from all institutions.
- Overall, ~10 applications in the sum of up to \$25K will be selected for funding, depending on the size of the group.
- The funding is expected to begin in May 2026 for a period of one year. The recipients will submit a short academic progress report at the end of 2026, and potential further funding will be considered if funding is available.

Selection Criteria

- Scientific Merit of the research proposal.
- Clear and well-justified need for collaboration.
- The Merit of the young co-mentored investigator.
- Proposals focusing on pediatric and AYA sarcoma, especially Ewing and Osteosarcoma, will get priority.

Who Can Apply

- RTICC-Technion Principal Investigators.
- Case Comprehensive Cancer Center (CCCC) affiliated investigators.
- Indiana University School of Medicine affiliated investigators.

Submission Instructions

- Applications should be submitted electronically in the following link-
<https://forms.office.com/r/n7hmTtsGq1>
- The application will include:
 1. An abstract (up to 250 words).
 2. A short research plan (2 pages), including the problem to be solved, its significance, a short introduction, research hypothesis, specific aims, preliminary results, a concise research plan, the expected outcome, and the importance and contribution of the collaborating investigators.
 3. CV of the young investigator.
 4. Brief CV (3 pages max) of the PIs, including a list of publications and funding for the past 5 years.

Recognition

- The recipients will recognize the funding in publications resulting from the project.



SUBMISSION

DEADLINE: APRIL 30TH, 2026

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