

Catalysis Meets Cancer Research

Call for Proposals

Seed Funding for Collaborative Catalysis-Cancer Convergence Projects

A Joint Initiative of the Rappaport Cancer Research Center (RTICC) & the Resnick Sustainability Center for Catalysis (RSCC).

The RTICC and RSCC are proud to announce a new collaborative Call for Proposals under the Catalysis in Cancer Research initiative.

This initiative aims to bridge disciplines, integrating cancer research with catalysis at all levels to create a seed for a new category of transformative molecular interventions in cancer.

About the Funding

- **Eligibility:** A joint application must be submitted by a team of at least two PIs:
 1. One PI, affiliated with the Rappaport Cancer Research Center.
 2. One PI, affiliated with the Resnick Sustainability Center for Catalysis.
- **Funding:** Three collaborative research grants will be awarded. Each grant is \$50,000 per year for up to two years (**maximum total award: \$100,000**).
- **Duration:** Funding is expected to begin in October 2026. The grant will initially be awarded for one year. Continued funding for the second year (an additional \$50,000) is granted upon submission and approval of a satisfactory scientific and financial progress report at the end of the first year.
- **Expenses:** Funding will support research expenses, including consumables, reagents, specialized equipment, experimental services, and support of graduate/postdoctoral fellowships (not including PI/lab staff salaries).
- **Administration:** A joint collaborative budget will be opened for the recipients at the Technion Research and Development Foundation (TRDF) in Company 2070, following completion of the MANLAM form.
- **Reporting:** A brief, scientific and financial progress report is required at the end of the first year of funding, and a final report is required at the end of the second year.

Recognition

- Recipients are expected to acknowledge the support of both centers in any publications, presentations, or patents resulting from this joint project.

Submission Instructions

- Applications must be submitted electronically via the following link-
- <https://forms.office.com/r/IDDxWtVbAF>
- The application will include:
 1. An abstract (up to 250 words).
 2. A short research plan (not more than 2 pages) that should include: introduction, preliminary data, the question to be addressed, working hypothesis, specific aim(s), research plan, expected outcome, significance, and mode of collaboration.
 3. Brief CVs of the participating PIs (3-page max per researcher), including a list of publications and funding for the past 5 years.

Selection Criteria

- **Scientific Merit & Innovation:** The novelty, quality, and transformative potential of the proposed scientific idea.
- **Interdisciplinary Synergy:** A clear and well-justified need for collaboration.
- **Feasibility:** A realistic, well-planned research workflow that can yield concrete milestones within the 2-year timeline.
- **Leverage Potential:** High likelihood of generating the necessary preliminary data to successfully apply for prestigious, competitive external grants.

DEADLINE: August 31st, 2026

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