

To all
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of the
German Cancer Research Center

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DKFZ-MOST Program
Call 2025 for joint projects of the German-Israeli Cooperation
Period: 01.09.2026– 31.08.2029

Dear Colleagues,

For the present call, please see the following guidelines:

Scientists at Israeli research institutions and DKFZ PIs, including DKFZ PIs as leaders of a DKFZ research unit at nationwide partner sites in the frame of e.g. the German Cancer Consortium (DKTK), National Center for Tumor Disease (NCT), HI-TRON Mainz, DKFZ Hector Cancer Institute and DKFZ Site Dresden (please see: <https://www.dkfz.de/en/research/translational-centers>) are invited to submit joint research project pre-proposals on all topics and aspects (prevention, diagnosis, therapy) related to the full range of state-of-the-art cancer research (basic research/discovery/innovation to preclinical translation/validation and clinical translation, except for clinical trials, which are not suitable for this program.

This call will be announced by the DKFZ and by MOST (Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology) in Israel for the relevant Israeli research institutions on June 16th, 2025. Furthermore, for DKFZ scientists the forms, information on funding and explanations for application will be posted at: <https://intranet.dkfz.de/unser-zentrum/translational-standorte-kooperationen/israelkooperation>.

If you intend to propose a joint project in the frame of the German-Israeli Cooperation program, please refer your Israeli project partner to the call by MOST. The Israeli coordinators Dr. Sharon Yagur-Kroll, E-mail: sharonyk@most.gov.il and Mrs. Shani Edri shanie@most.gov.il are in charge of the cooperation program within the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology in Jerusalem.

The joint project has to consist of one Israeli and one DKFZ-subproject (duration of project: three years, see above).

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The **pre-proposal** (one page plus CV and five relevant own citations) has to be compiled **jointly** by **both** applicants. This will also serve as a summary for the full proposal to follow a few months later.

The deadline for the **pre-proposals** will be **August 14th, 2025, 23:59 local time**. Applications received after the deadline cannot be considered. **Each applicant** has to submit his/her pre-proposal to the **respective organization (MOST or DKFZ, respectively)**.

Please note that submission of the Israeli subproject to MOST includes a **preceding online registration** (deadline August 7th) at the corresponding research institution.

- ⇒ Generally, app. 15 applicants will be invited for submission of a full proposal after their pre-proposals have been positively evaluated by the members of the program committee. **Invitations for full proposals** will be sent by **October 20th, 2025**.
- ⇒ Deadline for **full proposals** will be **December 11th, 2025** (evaluation of the full proposals by external reviewers will start in January 2026)
- ⇒ A final decision on the approval of six new projects will be made by the program committee during its meeting on **04.–08. May 2026** (in Israel).

The **forms for the pre-proposals** can be found on the DKFZ-Intranet <https://intranet.dkfz.de/unser-zentrum/translationale-standorte-kooperationen/israelkooperation>. During the course of this summer you may be approached by Israeli scientists, who are searching for a project partner.

A DKFZ scientist can have only one running project in a given funding period. A Israeli PI may apply for funding under the framework of this program providing that a period of at least one year will exist from the end of the last period of funding as PI until the starting of the new one.

Please pass this letter on to all scientists of your Division, who might be potentially interested in this call. **Junior scientists with the status of project leader or group leader** are particularly encouraged to apply for a joint project with the consent of his/her Division Head.

Only DKFZ members are eligible for submission of a pre-proposal, who hold a **working contract** covering the **complete running period of the intended project** (please, see above).

With best regards,



Peter Angel
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